





# HER PROBLEM—TO SEE SON OR DAUGHTER WED?

## Too Busy Mother Forgot

Mother of 12 children and nurse to her invalid husband, Mrs. Clara Howard, of Ashford, Middlesex, is so tied to the house that she had to choose recently whether she would attend the wedding of either her son or daughter—though both were married at Staines Register Office within an hour of each other.

In her 47 years of life Mrs. Howard has never seen a talkie picture and she cannot remember when she last went to a theatre.

"I should have liked to have attended both weddings," she said, "but I simply could not spare the time from home."

"I can never leave for more than a few minutes, and I chose to be the witness at my son's wedding."

"I have never even seen the parents of my daughter's husband."

### FORGOT TO TELL

Mrs. Howard admitted that she had been such a busy housewife that she forgot to tell her son that his sister was getting married on the same day.

It was only a week ago that brother and sister knew.

The brother said: "If only my sister and I had known we were getting married the same day, we would have had a double wedding and mother would have attended."

"But because of our big family my sister and I have been strangers in our own home, and very rarely saw each other."

"I cannot remember the last time that I kissed her. It must have been when she was a baby."

### MARRIED AT 17

Women waited six hours outside St. Joseph's Church, Battersea Park-road, S.W., recently to see John Thomas Paul, 35s-a-week tile's apprentice, of Hanbury-road, Battersea, who celebrated his 17th birthday the week before, and 19-years-old Charlotte Sprong, of Larkhill-rise, Clapham, S.W., married.

The couple will live in a two-room flat in Wickersley-road, Battersea, which has been furnished by friends and relatives.

## Delegate Starts Early

Although the seventh World's Poultry Congress and Exhibition will not open here until summer, one delegate already has started his journey to Cleveland, according to Sidney A. Edwards, managing director of the exposition. The delegate is C. R. Turbet, of the Fiji Islands, who is making the trip here by way of London.

## LONDON A.R.P. CHIEF

Mr. Harold Scott, 51-year-old chairman of the Prison Commissioners, is to give up prison work for a time to become A.R.P. chief of London.

It was announced recently that he had been appointed "co-ordinating officer" of London's A.R.P. services.

Mr. Scott will be empowered to approve or reject schemes from local authorities, without reference to any Government department.

## Pianist Cannot Get Hands Insured

Serge Rachmaninoff, the 60-year-old Russian composer and pianist, wants to insure his hands which have made him famous. But no company will give him "cover."

He is now in London, celebrating the 40th anniversary of his first English performance.

Recently he said that he still practiced the piano for three hours a day.

"I am so tired that I have had to reduce my concerts from about 100 to 70 a year, and I have temporarily given up composing," he said.

"I never teach music, because my wife tells me I am a bad teacher."

### LIKE JAZZ

"I prefer jazz to so-called 'good modern music.' I appreciate Elgar, Arnold Bax, and Sibelius, but the last great composers were Strauss and Debussy."

"Folkie has been experimenting with creating a ballet to some of my music."

The composer admitted that he does not like playing his famous Prelude in C sharp minor, which is known to every amateur pianist.

"I wrote five others which I much prefer," he said.

## Berlin's A.R.P. Lead To London

DEEP shelters for Germany will be provided by house-owners, following a Reich Garage Order issued by the Minister of Labour, Herr Seidte.

According to this order proprietors of buildings must provide underground garage accommodation sufficient for all vehicles belonging to occupants of the buildings.

The garages must conform in construction with the type of shelter required as air-raid shelters.

The Reich will thus not have to expend huge sums on shelters in future, and the new order assures that the streets shall not become too crowded through parking.



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. F. N. Barten and Miss Doris Hunt.—King's Studio.

## Dinner To Lord Chatfield

More than 50 admirals gave a private dinner, at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, recently to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield in recognition of his appointment as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence.

The idea of holding this dinner purely grew out of a casual conversation among a few of Lord Chatfield's friends and contemporaries in the Navy.

At first a small informal reunion was planned, but so great was the interest among Lord Chatfield's brother officers on the Flag List that an organised gathering was arranged.

Eventually it was decided to hold the dinner in the United Service Club, famous meeting-place of the leaders of the Army and Navy.

Adm. Sir Percy Gaint, a member of the club, sent out the invitations.

During the dinner a message was read from Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, who was unavoidably prevented from attending. At the personal request of Lord Chatfield there were no speeches.

## FATHERS-TO-BE

San Francisco. There is just one weak point in the new, most modern 230-bed maternity ward of the city's hospital. That is the self-operating elevator. It simply can't keep up with the demands of nerve-wrought fathers and only too occasionally goes out of commission under the strain.

## The Fall of "Napoleon" Broken By—Big Drum

MANY ghosts will be homeless when the famous old Lyceum Theatre closes down this year to make room for new business premises, and the future of some of the employees is uncertain. Many have "grown up" with the theatre.

"Without musicians and artists," said Mr. Bert E. Hammond, who has been Melville's general manager for nearly 40 years, "we have 138 on the staff."

"Some, of course, are only night-staff and some may be transferred to Princes Theatre."

"We have an elastic date for closing down, and this show ('Queen of Hearts' pantomime) may go on after March."

"By arrangement, we could run another show here until about June. Many of our people have been with us for years. Perhaps you would like to chat with them."

### SHOW WENT ON

Mr. Jack Waters, the chief electrician, in his workshop, said:

"I have been at the Lyceum for 27 years. I was walking into this very shop when a bomb dropped here during the war."

"The theatre was damaged and, nearby, many people were killed."

"I was thrown across this shop."

"A show was on but there was no panic, and we carried on until the firemen came and stopped us, telling us that the pit bar was full of gas from a broken main in the street."

### BIGGEST SHOW

Mr. Joe Glynn (property master): "I came here in 1910. My proudest possession is a collection of between three and four hundred tambourines, in which is the signature of every famous artist who has appeared at the Lyceum during nearly 30 years."

"There are thousands of signatures, and I have a special room for the tambourines."

"The biggest show we ever did here was 'The Miracle.' I also remember Maud Allan, and, of course, Sir John Martin Harvey in 'The Only Way.'"

"Once, when Frank Lester was sitting on a horse as Napoleon in 'A Royal Divorce,' the front man in the tableau held his rifle too low and the wad struck the horse, which threw Lester into the orchestra."

"Fortunately, he fell on the big drum and was not injured, but the man responsible fled and was not seen again for three weeks."

### MOCK MUTTON

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Mr. Annie Baker (cleaner for 20 years): "I'm sure I couldn't tell you the scrubbing I've done in 20 years, but I've been on the films. That was when they came to film the Lyceum."

"When George Robey gave a stage party here, he invited me and other cleaners."

"I am responsible for the cloths, and the number of spectacles and opera glasses people leave behind—you'd never believe."

Wally Mark (The Cat in "Queen of Hearts"): "I first came here in 1911 and for 20 years I have been doing animals at the Lyceum."

"Uncle Fred Melville was the first man to put me in a skin—a cat's—and I still keep that skin as a treasure."

### EVEN A FLY

"I have been a cat, a dog, a monkey, an ape, a bent, the front and back of an elephant, and even a fly on the shadowgraph."

"I am 4ft. 8in., and I lose a stone every pants through jumping about in a hot skin."

Mrs. Polly Bevington (has dressed the girl or "boy" for every pantomime at the Lyceum): "I have been here longer than anyone on the stage staff—33 years."

"Smith and Carpenter had the management when I came, and Hall Caine's 'The Christian' was on, with Motheson-Lang."

"I had lived next door to the Lyceum since I was a child."

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- R 20380. Martin. Act 3. "Ach so fromm" (Like A Dream.) (Puccini.)
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## Explosives Charge Document Read

H.M.S. PRESIDENT, the R.N.V.R. training ship moored in the Thames at Blackfriars, was mentioned in a document read at Bow-street recently, when 18 men were again charged with conspiring together and with other persons in Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff and elsewhere, to cause explosions.

The defendants are: Peter Stuart, 25; Michael Preston, 23; George Brendon Kane, 23; Charles James Casey, 23; Daniel Fitzpatrick, 21; John Healy, 40; Michael O'Shea, 24; Gerald Francis Wharton, 30; John Mitchell, 24; James Michael Lyons, 26; Jack Logue, 17; Francis James Burns, 17; Charles McCarthy, 23; and his sons, Thomas McCarthy, 20, and Daniel McCarthy, 18; John Ryan, 31; Joseph Walker, 25; and Michael Joseph Mason, 20.

Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting, said that a document headed "I.O.B. Company," contained the following: "A few things may be of interest to you, H.M.S. President has 3,000 rifles and equipment for 3,000 men. It is looked after by 12 men when not in use for training."

Counsel spoke of a letter headed "G.H.Q. Britain" which said that intelligence officers must gather information covering Army, Navy, Air Force and anti-gas formations and aircraft factories.

REFERENCE TO EXPLOSIONS  
Det. Insp. Barnes produced a number of documents, one of them headed "S. Plan," being made up of 15 pages of loose typing. There were written details about the method of causing explosions at the North Metropolitan Power Co., Enfield, and at Dagenham Pier. A document headed "Manual of Instructions" had a section giving details of the British grid system, London power station, Chelsea, and the Southern Railway supplies of electricity.

He produced a pencil drawing of the magazine and guard room in Hyde Park.

"It describes the sergeant's habits among other things," remarked Mr. McClure, amid laughter, in which some of the prisoners joined.

The 18 men were remanded for a week, only Charles McCarthy being granted bail.

Mr. McClure indicated that unless something unforeseen happened he would be able to conclude the case for the prosecution in three or four days.

GIRL IN CUSTODY  
Molly Gallagher, 18, charged with having explosive substances in her possession or under her control, was further remanded in custody for seven days.

James McCafferty and Daniel McCafferty, charged with having possession of an alarm clock fitted for timing an explosion, were remanded in custody for a week.

A similar course was adopted with James Patrick Connolly and Francis McGowan, charged with having an explosive substance in their possession or under their control.

Parson Leaves £2 A Week To Sisters

TWO sisters have each been left £300 and £2 a week by a bachelor parson, the Rev. Charles Newton Sergeant.

They are his adopted children, Ann and Emma Thistleton. They had helped him in his church work up to the time of his retirement three years ago. One of them drove him round the parish in his car.

Then they went with him to Old Colwyn, North Wales.

Five months ago Mr. Sergeant died aged seventy. The sisters



## Parrot Is Bi-Lingual

One of Arcadia's accomplished linguists is Tommy, Mrs. W. L. Nolan's 14-month-old parrot. The bird, which was raised by an American teacher on the Isle of Pines, south of Cuba, uses either Spanish or English.

Thousands of Loyalist soldiers fleeing into France from Catalonia, ahead of General Franco's victorious insurgent troops, threw down their arms once they had crossed the French border and were herded into concentration camps. Here is a heap of discarded arms at Le Perthus. Loyalists are seen in background.

## Crisis News 5 Months After

Natives of Tristan da Cunha, that lonely island in the middle of the Atlantic, had their first real news of the Crisis and Mr. Chamberlain's victory of last night called there recently. Although they were presented some time ago with a wireless set, to keep in touch with outside events, it broke down and they were unable to repair it.

Sir Patrick Hannon, who organised the first relief ship for them 30 years ago when they were at starvation point, has just returned to England after his first personal visit to the island.

"We had good luck with the weather as it was a beautiful day; it is only once in months that it is at all possible to land on the island," he said. "We had fun as it was, transferring from the ship's motor launches to their little canvas boats in mid-Atlantic."

SURPRISE VISIT  
"Our visit was a surprise, as they did not know the Viceroy was calling. A ship anchored off the island some months ago but was unable to land anyone, so they had no real news of the world till we came."

"With the exception of the chaplain's wife, the ladies of our party were the first women to land since the natives originally settled there. They were all drawn up in their best clothes to meet us. We inspected their church, school and little hospital—which is very seldom used, as they are the healthiest people under the sun, in spite of the primitive conditions under which they live. They also have a troop of Boy Scouts. "Many of the older people are still illiterate, but the youngsters are bright and intelligent."

DO NOT LIKE CHARITY  
"We landed 14 tons of supplies—food, clothes, toys, equipment for school and village hall, and medicines. They are proud and do not like charity; but their economic future is difficult as the population has increased from 70 thirty years ago to more than 200."

"They were tremendously pleased with the photograph we took of the King and Queen and the Prime Minister, and the personal message from Mr. Chamberlain."

"The captain of the Viceroy sent an engineer ashore to mend their wireless set, so they will not be so cut off now."

Sir Patrick Hannon has been M. P. for the Moseley division of Birmingham since 1921.

## Choral Speaking Revived

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## Canadians And Royal Visit

Ottawa.  
Reports from all over Canada indicate the extraordinary interest that is being taken in the tour of the King and Queen in May.

There is every indication from hotels, travel agents, estate agents and tourist camp proprietors that hundreds of thousands of Canadians will journey vast distances to catch a glimpse of their Majesties.

Already most of the hotels in Ottawa, for instance, have booked all their accommodation. Plans are being formed to make parks and tourist camps, where trailer parties and those unable to find rooms in town can be taken care of.

Upon every point along the 8,000-mile route to be travelled by the King and Queen people of the Dominion will converge from farm, factory, lumber camp, fishing village, gold mine and coal mine, from ranch and trap line. From north and south, from near and far, they will flock to pay homage to their King and Queen.

## WINNIPEG'S WELCOME

It will be a mass movement unequalled in British Royal history. A whole nation will be on feet, prepared to do full justice to the honour conferred upon it.

Present indications are that 250,000 people will come to Ottawa during the four days their Majesties will be here—May 17-20.

Winnipeg, which expects 200,000 visitors, has organised a Royal Welcome Week, with a committee of citizens representing all walks of life to handle arrangements. Their first task will be to assign stations along the procession route for pupils of the city's 50 publicly supported schools and academies.

Calgary expects 150,000 from the plains and foothills and from oil settlements and ranch towns. Vancouver will house 200,000 people, many of whom will be Americans from the Pacific Coast cities. Many Americans have applied to rent furnished houses.

## MEDALS FOR ESKIMOS

Halifax and other places in Nova Scotia expect 300,000 visitors, while from Montreal and Quebec come indications that French-Canadians for miles around those cities will move en masse into them to be present at their Majesties' visit.

Eskimo children in Canada's Far North will not be forgotten when souvenir medallions are distributed to commemorate the Royal tour. The Government has already instructed the Royal Mint at Ottawa to strike off 2,250,000 medallions for the school children of the Dominion.

The medallions for the Eskimo children, possibly 500 in number, will be taken aboard the Hudson's Bay Company's mail steamer Nascopie when she leaves Halifax for her annual tour of the Eastern Arctic early in July.

## Love's Labour Lost

SAN RAFAEL, Cal.  
After waiting 19 years to be able to send to Switzerland for his fiancée to come here and marry him, it only took Robert Steingrubber three days to become disillusioned. They separated at the end of that time and he filed suit for divorce.

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## Reich Assails Britain

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matters at the present. Whereas on the one hand the English papers proclaim the necessity of defending the freedom of the European nations and the cause of peace, on the other hand the same newspapers demand that Poland should increase her obligations to England to such an extent that Polish foreign policy will, in future, be dictated from London.

### Stronger Reich

The paper "Angriff" observes that Germany's position is stronger than in 1914, since to-day the United Great Germany bloc exists which is "indissolubly allied to Fascist Italy." "Moreover," adds the paper, "a glance at the map of Eastern Europe shows that strategic conditions have greatly changed since the World War, mainly owing to the development of military aviation."

### Encirclement

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" heads its article "Is Encirclement An Illusion?" and replies to the question in the negative. In the paper's view, encirclement is the concrete aim pursued by London.

The paper goes on to say that since Herr Hitler's speech on Saturday, England ought to know what attitude and what actions on her part would justify Germany in considering the naval pact of 1935 to have lost its practical value. However, it believes that the British public is inadequately informed on the subject by the press, and that it is consequently unaware of the fact that England and Germany need not interfere with each other in their respective spheres of interest.

After recalling that Hitler, in his last speech, expressed the sincere desire of the German nation to live at peace with England, the paper remarks that there is no evidence that this desire is reciprocated at the other side of the North Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

## BRITISH ENVOY ARRIVING

Chungking, April 4. Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, has decided to leave Shanghai for Hongkong en route to Chungking on April 8, a Shanghai report received states.—Central News.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada arrived at Kobe at 7.30 a.m. yesterday.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

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A. W. HUGHES,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,

General Manager,  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Friday, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

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## IMPORTANT TO WOMEN!

Doctors say that a woman's system is so sensitive that the shock caused by strong purgative medicines may do serious harm. Those internal troubles which often afflict a woman in later life are in many cases due to taking harsh medicines. Treat the delicate mechanism of your body gently by taking "California Syrup of Figs." It never interferes with the bodily functions, but relieves the bowels naturally, giving a complete internal cleansing in a few hours. Doctors and nurses everywhere recommend "California Syrup of Figs." because it is a gentle liquid laxative. Obtainable from all chemists, druggists and leading stores. Be sure you get "California Syrup of Figs" brand.

## G. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4132	As per plan.	About 9,650	\$10	\$7,215

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4133	As per plan.	About 4,030	\$46	\$3,023

## THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1939, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

M. Y. TANG,

Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

### H.M. DOCKYARD, HONG KONG.

#### Examination for Local Clerks

Applicants are informed that those selected to attend the examination, on 11th April will be notified separately.

No further applications can be considered.

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4134	As per plan.	About 7,200	\$132	\$14,400

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 3.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
May	8.04/04	8.12/12
July	7.82/82	7.90/90
Oct.	7.54/54	7.62/62
Dec.	7.50/49	7.57/58
Jan.	7.51 1/2/52	7.58 N
Mar.	7.57 B	7.64 N
Spot		8.87 N

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
4	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4135	As per plan.	About 8,420	\$55	\$6,363

### New York Rubber

May	16.00/09	16.00 1/2/09 1/2
Sept.	16.00/09	15.99 1/2/09
Dec.	16.00/10	16.00/09

March—To-day's Sales—710 tons.

Chicago Wheat

May	87 1/4/67	87 1/4/67 1/2
July	87 1/4/67	87 1/4/67 1/2
Sept.	87 1/4/67	87 1/4/67 1/2

Saturday's Sales—5,814,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May	42 1/4/47	42 1/4/47 1/2
July	42 1/4/47	42 1/4/47 1/2
Sept.	42 1/4/47	42 1/4/47 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

May	60 1/2/53	60 1/2/53 1/2
July	60 1/2/53	60 1/2/53 1/2
Oct.	60 1/2/53	60 1/2/53 1/2

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### FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

#### STOCKS:

Mr. Neville Chamberlain reaffirms the British determination to defend Poland. It is reported that Signor Mussolini has been invited to mediate between Britain and Germany. Britain is considering filling the armaments needs of Rumania.

All parties agree that the London market is firm. Our own market acted better to-day, but evidence of an upturn is still inconclusive. Steel mill operations are down 1.2 per cent. The United States Steel Corp's first-quarter output averaged 62 per cent of capacity. A Congressional Committee finds the Tennessee Valley Authority's rates an honest yard-stick.

Distilling companies are concerned regarding the prospects of additional liquor taxes pending in fifteen States.

#### RUBBER:

The market here was only steady, in spite of the firmness in London and Singapore.

#### GRAINS:

Farmers' compliance with the Government's agricultural programme is indicated as much larger than in 1938.

#### COTTON:

The Senate has adopted the Bankhead Bill, permitting farmers to re-process 3,000,000 bales of cotton on payment of 5 cents per pound and a pledge to curtail acreage. Quick action by the House of Representatives is indicated.

#### LONDON AVERAGES:

	MARCH 31	APRIL 3
Industrial Average	95.0	97.8
Rails Average	55.0	55.1

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

### CHINA IN THE COMMONS

## LIVE WIRE BARRICADES AROUND CONCESSIONS

LONDON, Apr. 3.

MR. I. C. HANNAH asked the Government in the House of Commons to-day what reply had been received from the Japanese Government to the British Government's representations against surrounding the British and French Concessions at Tientsin with barricades of live wire, and what action the British Government had taken to secure protection and freedom of movement as well as means of subsistence for Britons and their employees in Tientsin.

Mr. R. A. Butler said that the restrictions were lifted on February 8 though the barriers remained. No reports had reached him regarding interruption of food supplies. The situation generally aroused some uneasiness, and the British representative continued to request the restoration of normal conditions.

In another answer, Mr. Butler stated that Lord Halifax was expecting a report on the reported anti-British agitation which was being carried on by the Nanking Provisional Government.—Reuter.

### Tsingtao Harbour

Several questions about Tsingtao were addressed to Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day, who replied that Sir Robert Craigie had been informed by the Japanese vice-minister for Foreign Affairs on March 23 that, subject to certain restrictions, the commercial harbour was to be re-opened on March 25. Foreign vessels at present were to be confined to three berths, and the use of the warehouses on the wharves was temporarily permitted.

In fact one oil-tanker wharf and two berths on No. 1 wharf were officially open and either being used or were expected to be available for vessels in the next few days.

### Pearl River

Mr. Butler added that the British Government welcomed this action by the Japanese Government as the first step towards restoration of more normal conditions in ports under Japanese control.

In a written reply to Mr. Walter Smiles, Mr. F. A. Butler stated that the Pearl River was not yet re-opened to the British, but His Majesty's Government was taking all possible steps to secure its re-opening as soon as possible.—Reuter.

### APPEALS FOR AID

#### Requests Considered By British Fund

A communique issued by the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China states:

The Board of Administrators recently considered appeals for financial assistance.

The Hongkong Emergency Refugee Council recommended to this Fund that it should make a grant of N.C.\$5,000 to the Canton International Red Cross Service Corps, towards two months' expenses, and, after considering a detailed report of this Corps, in respect of their work for January, the Board accepted the recommendation of the E.R.C. and agreed to grant a donation of N.C.\$5,000.

2. The E.R.C. applied to this Fund for a grant of \$2,000 to cover the cost of storage of and shipping charges on 8,000 bags (800 tons) of cracked wheat, and after considering a detailed report from the E.R.C. on this matter, the Board decided to comply with this request and a cheque for \$2,000 is being sent to the E.R.C.

3. The E.R.C. represented to this Fund that the Social Service Centre of the Churches is doing excellent work in connection with refugees in the Colony. The number of refugees dealt with from July to September, 1938, was 2,302, some of whom had to be interviewed several times, and of this total, 1,630 were assisted to leave the Colony. Seventeen families amounting to a total of 52 persons, were referred to this body for financial aid by the E.R.C., and this body has already spent over \$2,000 on its refugee work. The Board of Administrators accepted the recommendation of the E.R.C. and a cheque for \$1,000 is being sent to this body through the E.R.C.

## Emigres From Germany

### Not Only Jews Who Leave Country

BERLIN, Apr. 3.

JEWISH emigration increased the total of emigration from Germany in 1938 to 22,263 as compared with 14,203 in 1937, according to statistics published officially to-day.

Seventy-five per cent of the emigrants were Jews. The number of emigrants to the United States increased from 8,845 in 1937 to 12,754 last year. The emigration to South America showed an even bigger relative increase, since the 1938 figure of 6,235 compares with only 3,252 in 1937.

The United States took in 82 per cent of the German-Jewish emigrants, while South America, in particular the Argentina, Chile and Uruguay took 20 per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

### RUMANIAN POSITION

(Continued from Page 1.)

be the participation of Rumania in the anti-German bloc.

### Turkey's Attitude

The "Paris Midi" observes in this connection that the inclusion of Rumania in the bloc would depend on Turkey's attitude, since military assistance for Rumania could only be assured in the event of Turkish collaboration.

The paper believes that before M. Gafencu makes his journey he will visit Ankara in order to ascertain the views of the Turkish Government.

### Baltic States

The same paper also asserts that in the course of his conversations in London, Colonel Beck will bring up the question of possible action in favour of the Baltic States, as he is particularly anxious to reach an agreement which would permit Poland to speed up her re-armament, and also to negotiate a trade agreement for developing commercial relations between Britain and Poland.—Trans-Ocean.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

#### Dr. C. T. Wang to Speak On Dr. Herman Liu

Under the auspices of the Alumni Association of University of Shanghai, the American and European Returned Students Association, the Y.W.C.A., the Y.M.C.A., the W.C.T.U. of China, South Branch, the Cheng Chi Club, the Pacific Publishing Co., etc., there will be a memorial service for Dr. Herman C. E. Liu, martyred President of University of Shanghai.

Miss Jennie J. Hughes, Dr. Liu's childhood teacher and Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to Washington will speak.

The Baptist Church, 50 Caine Road, has been chosen for the Service, and the time will be 5.15 p.m., Friday, April 7.

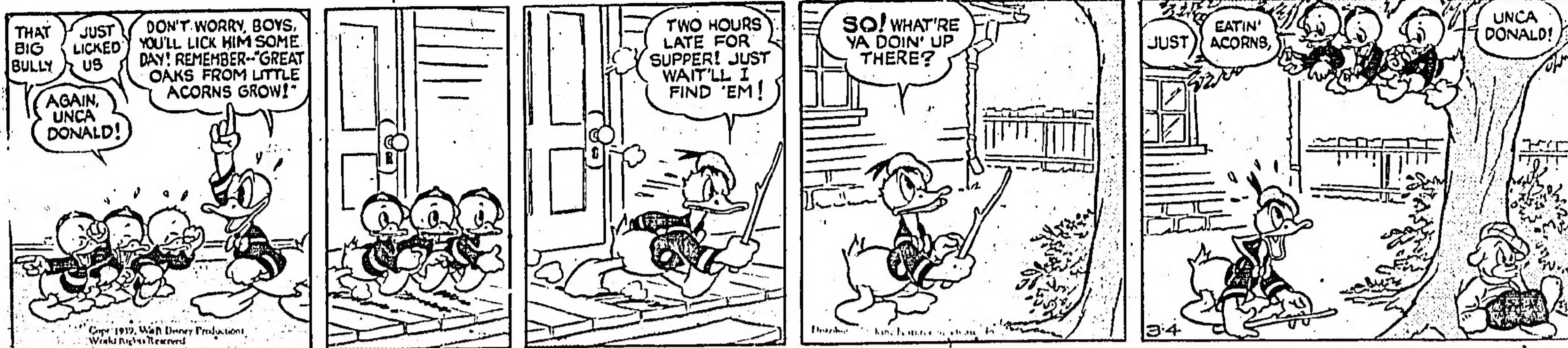
Friends and relatives of Dr. Liu will be welcome.

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ou l'on tue*

et dont les prisons sont pleines...

A REPRODUCTION OF THE HEADING IN "HEBDO"

## Paris Magazines Grotesque Libel On Hongkong And Our People

"Hongkong—where they laugh, trade, steal and kill, and where the prisons are full up."

This is the heading for an extraordinary article on Hongkong, published recently in the Paris magazine "Hebdo."

The article is signed by Howard Bruce.

It alleges that Hongkong has 3,000 hotels, and the only people who have a steady trade are the policemen and the Station-Master!

"Hongkong lives and moves with the jitters from sun-rise to sun-set and from sun-set to sun-rise," Howard claims. Most Hongkong people, he claims, gets their money without much work.

On an average there are between 2,000 and 3,000 arrests every week, but "never anyone arrested is able to do his term in prison because for the last five years the prisons have been full up."

"Of ten people you meet in the street at least one-third are escaped prisoners."

"The most popular sport in Hongkong is stealing."

Below we give a translation of the article in full:

"One Chinese City (Chinese in name only because it is a British Possession) centralises at the moment the activity of the Chinese Empire."

"That city, a compound of races, of light and of trade, this at the moment the activity of

"Until recently Shanghai was more important than Hongkong, but since a few months the British port of the 'Rising Sun' has become the great city of the Yellow Continent."

"Hongkong is a yellow Chicago with an addition of a small New York."

### "Leprous Walls"

"The Old City with its leprosy walls is built on the hillside beside the fishing port."

"The modern city is spread around the commercial harbour. Hongkong has three thousand hotels, three hundred and fifty thousand Europeans, one million Asians and from twenty thousand to thirty thousand Americans and Australians."

"But these live not on exportation, nor on any productive work, but have created a mixture of occupation which is unique in the world."

"In Hongkong, people live exclusively by 'trade' and on that account there is not an empty hour in that city of wonders."

"A complete anarchy exists in the organisation of trade."

"One can almost say that there are only two kinds of citizens in Hongkong: who have a steady occupation. The Policeman and the Station Master."

"The modern city which is around the central square is built of blocks of buildings looking night and day like an ant-hill."

### Everybody Rushes

"During the day everybody rushes about closing a few deals and going to the bank. Hongkong is the city in the Far East which has the most banks. Then the people go and have tea in one of the hundreds of fashionable tea-houses, then return to the hotel for a rest and then at 6 o'clock again rush to the club where one meets the most incredible individuals gathered there, no one knows why or how."

### Jitters

"In this fashion Hongkong lives and moves with the jitters from sun-rise to sun-set and from sun-set to sun-rise."

"At the 'Montmartre' or at the 'Montparnasse' or at the 'Gay Paris', the same crowd rushes and after having walked all day long on the promenades, the shop windows of which are equal to those of Paris and New York, the people still find time to go and dance in the godowns, or basements of the cabarets. Most people get their money without much work. Hongkong had to become, therefore, one of the most colourful spots on the earth."

### All Criminals

"On an average there are between 2,000 to 3,000 arrests every week in Hongkong, but never anyone arrested is able to do his term in prison because for the last five years the prisons of Hongkong have been full up."

"There has been no more room since 1933 and therefore only those with sentences of at least 4 years are put in prison."

"The others condemned are sent to Singapore."

"As a matter of fact they all escape, so that of 10 people you meet in the street at least one-third are escaped prisoners."

### Most Popular Sport

"Gambling is almost as universal in Hongkong as in Mexico, that hell city which is a shame on humanity."

## NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION.—How many new merchant ships were launched in 1938?

ANSWER.—1,119 vessels, with a tonnage of 3,033,593, the highest total for 12 years.

The figures were issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Q.—What proportion of the world launchings was made from British berths?

A.—34 per cent. of the total, or 1,030,375 tons.

Q.—What was the biggest vessel launched in the year?

A.—The new liner Queen Elizabeth, 35,000 tons. She is the largest ship in the world. (The Normandie is 33,000 tons and the Queen Mary 31,000 tons.)

Q.—Which country ranked second in the building of new ships?

A.—Germany with a total of 480,797 tons, the largest German ship launched in the year was the liner Robert Ley, 22,000 tons.

Q.—Where does Hongkong rank?

A.—Ninth.

"The most popular sport in Hongkong is stealing. People steal a little everywhere."

"One can easily imagine that Hongkong is heaven to thieves when one realises that the Judges have only just got time to pass sentence on murderers, for whom there is not even room in the prisons."

"There is no instance for the past 5 years where a man who wears his watch and chain on his waistcoat has not had his pocket picked at least once."

"There are 3 big hotels in Hongkong, the Metropole being the most popular, though, the other 2 have also a high class clientele, but there are 2,907 other hotels."

"These are the 'free' hotels which the police control from time to time only."

"In fact the police never control them as they are too busy trying to arrest murderers."

"The 3 main hotels have rooms with safes, and their clients are instructed to put everything they have in these safes."

"No insurance companies insure against theft and burglary in Hongkong. Their risk ceases on arrival of the steamer in port."

"In every room of the hotels there are notices 'Beware of Pickpockets' which also give recommendations against thefts which are daily occurrences in Hongkong."

### 70 Per Cent. Thieves

"Hongkong is the most dishonest town in the world."

"The head of the police in Hongkong is 'Mr. E. R. G.' (the name mentioned in the article is unknown to us—Ed.) who told me 'There are in Hongkong only 10 per cent. to 12 per cent. of honest people of arms, thieves, maniacs or kleptomaniacs, the rest comprises of business men of doubtful habits. As a consequence only the most important criminals are punished.'"

"The Governor of the town, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, is of the same opinion."

"In his opinion it will take perhaps 50 years to give Hongkong the mentality of an average city."

"Meanwhile Hongkong lives, sings, laughs and steals. This Eden of Gangsters is easily the most extraordinary city in the Far East."

"The city where the buildings are next to the rickshaws, the city where the lowest class of pickpockets are received in the best drawing rooms, the city where people meet in the most lowdown individuals."

"Hongkong lives on traffic of arms, drugs and pleasure. Ten per cent. of the honest people of that city are civil servants, bank clerks and hotel keepers. Cabarets are full up, and there are not enough taxis in Hongkong. One must cable at least one day ahead to make reservation for rooms. Shops are full of customers."

"There are houses, coffee-houses, clubs, motorbuses, airlines (of which there are 2) are swarmed with nervous people. Hongkong lives 100 minutes per hour."

### 4 Murders A Day

"There are between 4 and 5 murders per day in Hongkong but only 2 or 3 criminals are arrested every week, and other words people have to protect themselves."

"There are never any crimes committed by rich foreigners. The Hongkong Chinese is very respectful of the rich foreigner. He steals his money surely, but never dares to touch him, but quite easily he murders his brother who has stolen more than him."

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1889.

The vague rumour was hinted at the other day as being in circulation in the capital of the Kwang to the effect that a concession had been granted by the Viceroy for the construction of a railway between Kowloon and Canton.

From a small nucleus, with its centre in popular Canton and its eighty-mile circumference sweeping around with Kowloon and the "Malta and Gibraltar" of the Far East, on its tangent, a gigantic network of railway communication might be started in China, and the whole Empire opened up to trade, civilisation and progress.

We are not in a position to say what steps have already been taken to bring this long talked of Kowloon-Canton railway to a practical footing, but would not that it is the outcome of native enterprise, emanating directly from this colony.

We may witness a very short time yet to see the Kowloon-Canton railway snorting, and shaking its steamy mane along the fertile plains extending from our trans-marine town to the city of Bunker, 99 of the vast undertakings we have got seen started in Hongkong this Canton-Kowloon railway scheme stands Pacific principle. That the inland villages of Kowloon with its extensive tracts of level ground, its broad roads and reputed healthiness and coolness in the summer months, will rise plant-like and be in the course of a few years an important township, and that the port and business of Hongkong will increase far beyond what was ever deemed possible does not require much gift of prophecy to foresee.

There is, perhaps, not a city in Europe where more drink is consumed than in St. Petersburg. The population is considerably short of a million, yet they drink every day 10,000 bottles of wine, 1,000,000 pints of ale, and 1,000,000 glasses of a vile spirituous liquor known in the country by the name of vodka.

The following information about the Jews may interest some of our readers:—

Scotland reckons only 1,500 Jews; Ireland only 1,000. In France there are a few Jews, of whom 40,000 are in Paris. In the British colonies there are something less than 20,000 Jews.

The total number of Jews throughout the world is between eight and ten million. Jews are found in large numbers along the northern coasts of Africa, as well as in Abyssinia. In America there are 500,000 Jews, and in the United States of America, there are supposed to be from 40,000 to 50,000 Jews in Persia, 10,000 to 15,000 in India. About forty thousand Jews were transferred upon the annexation of the provinces of the German Empire, among which were the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, and the city of Metz.

The Jews are a remarkable race. In the United Kingdom there are about one hundred thousand Jews, of whom seven-eighths are in London, the greater part of the remainder being in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Birmingham.

### 25 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1914.

It is understood that the King has requested Mr. J. A. Anderson, the permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, to draw up the preliminary plans for the tour of the Dominions, which is to be made by the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert. It is expected that a year will be allotted for the tour, which is to begin in the autumn of 1916. Australia will be visited first, followed by New Zealand and Canada. The trip will also probably take in the United States. (The tour was cancelled owing to the great war—Ed.)

It is stated that after the estimates for the fund to be applied to the study of aeroplanes and automobiles are passed by the Japanese Diet, the War Department will be instructed to construct 13 aeroplanes at Tokyo. The number of aviation officers will be increased to 10, double the number at present existing.

### 10 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1929.

A sensation has been caused in Kovno, Lithuania, as a consequence of a raid by the police on a newspaper office where a secret meeting of the Social-Democratic party leaders was being held, over one hundred being taken into custody.

H.R.H. Prince George to-day began his new duties at the Foreign Office.

### 5 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1934.

France's recent warning to Britain that the Hitler Government would soon armament has been quickly justified. Many rumours have been published abroad regarding the nature and extent of Germany's likely demands but no official indication is forthcoming.

Germany expects to participate in next year's naval conference with a view to securing some revision of the Treaty of Versailles and so obtain greater naval security, according to to-day's Berlin newspapers, which however published details of the report published abroad that Germany has drawn up a Big Navy building programme.

The newspapers emphasise that it would take several years to build up a large fleet and that Germany has not the money for such luxuries.

The British outposts in Asia—Hongkong especially—will be the immediate

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### LONDON RELAYS

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H. K. T. 12 noon Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m. Carroll Gibbons and His Boy Friends.

Sugar Rose (Fats Waller); Brenda in a Pair of Shoes (Sept.); I was Anything but Sentimental (Film "Take my Tip"); Stars Fell on Alabama (Perkins); Judy (Lerner); Mr. Dodds Takes the Air (Film Selection); Double or Nothing (Film Selection); Remember? Intro. You forgot to remember; Mr. Heart Stood Still; I'll See you Again; My Blue Heaven Can't Help Lovin' That Man; This Year's Kisses.

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Greta Keller.

The Laugh was on Me (Cartier); When I Learn French (Thomson); Trust in Me (Aster); A Little Rumble in Springtime with you (Sarony).

LORDS' DEBATE

## Fear In Reich Neighbours

Continued From Page 1

necessary for me to stress the apprehension to which this action gave rise."

"The incorporation in the Reich of nearly 8,000,000 Czechs was clearly a departure from the principles which Herr Hitler had hitherto proclaimed."

"It was not unnatural in the light of such a departure, for other countries bordering on Germany to feel that their independence might equally be in jeopardy."

### Other Governments

It seemed important for His Majesty's Government to take steps to re-establish some measure of confidence in Europe, and His Majesty's Government had been in communication with certain other governments.

These consultations were still proceeding, and Viscount Halifax said he was not in a position to make any final statement.

"I may say at once," added Viscount Halifax, "that the Government is fully alive to the importance of the attitude of the Soviet Government, and it attaches value to good relations with Russia."

"We are bound to have regard to the fact that the relations of some States with Russia are complicated, but I can assure the House that so far as His Majesty's Government is concerned, these difficulties do not exist."

Referring to the arrival of Colonel Josef Beck, Viscount Halifax said he was looking forward to a frank discussion with him on the many problems of common interest.

Not Encircling Reich

Again referring to the Government's action regarding Poland, the Foreign Secretary said that this was represented in certain quarters as a desire to encircle Germany. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Viscount Halifax added: "It is a case that a strong Germany is set in the midst of Europe, and if her neighbours feel apprehension as to her intentions, and in the end take common action in self-defence, that result flows from an instinctive reaction, and certainly is not the creation of any outside departure in British policy."

"We have undertaken this commitment, not in any spirit of hostility to any country, but in the hope and belief that by so doing, we might strengthen the cause of European stability and peace."

Labour View

Lord Snell, giving the Labour Party's view, said: "The Government has our support in the statement we have just heard, and we welcome the change of policy it implies."

Lord Crewe, Opposition Liberal, also supported the statement.

Lord Arnold, Independent, expressed surprise at the Opposition view that there should be no immediate debate.

The House then adjourned.

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objects of Japanese attack in time of war, but British naval opinion long ago dismissed Hongkong as utterly impossible of defence against the Japanese Navy.

1.15 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.30 Dance Music.

Super Swing: Junk Man's Serenade; Ja-Da... Ovie Alston and His Orchestra; Waltz: I Hum a Waltz... Victor Silvester and His Orchestra.

1.40 Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker—Miss E. Atkins—Subject—"Education in Refugee Camps."

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 p.m. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Outside of Paradise; (b) Lullaby in Rhythm; (c) I'm Gladly in Love with You; (d) Miss Annabella Brown; Record: Love in Bloom (Risinger); I Hate Myself (Ager)... Sydney Torch, Organ.

(a) Loch Lomond; (b) When the Heather is in Bloom; (c) Believe Me; (d) I found my Yellow Backet; Records: Melody for Two (Dubin); September in the Rain (Dubin); James Melton; Rainier; The Road (from Colton Club Revue)... Roy Barry and Ramona.

(a) I'll Dream To-night; (b) My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean; (c) Solitude; (d) Yes; We have no Bananas. 7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.10 A Variety Programme.

St. Louis Blues (Handy)... The Bowdler Sisters; We Agree Perfectly (Cools) and On Top of a Bus (Arden)... Len Bermon with Orchestra; Everything's in Rhythm with my Heart (From "First a Girl"); The Little Silkwoman (Hoffman)... Jessie Matthews; Flanagan and Allen McMorris—Introducing "Can't we Meet Again, A Million Years Underneath the Arches, Wanderer, Dreaming, Where the Arches used to Be... Flanagan and Allen; Medley, Intro. The Girl in the Little Green Hat. This is Romance, My Heart Humped over the Moon... Len Bermon with Orchestra; Let Yourself Go (Berlin) and I'm Putting All my Eggs in One Basket... The Boswell Sisters.

7.33 Musical Comedy Selections.

"Out of the Bottle" (Ellis) and "Tell Her the Truth" (Tunbridge)... New Mayfair Orchestra; There's a Small Hotel ("On Your Toes")... Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon; "The Cat and The Fiddle" Selection... New Mayfair Orchestra; "C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems... Light Opera Company.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Terence Casey (Organ).

Parade of the Wedding; Wedding of the Parades; Waltzland—A Medley of Waltzes.

8.15 Studio—Hal Lorenzo (Piano) and Toby Gray (Accordion).

8.45 The Comedy Harmonists. Liebesleid (Kreisler); Humoreske (Dvorak); How Can it Be? (Folk Song); Congo Lullaby (From "Sanders of the River"); Love me a Little To-day (Brodsky).

9.00 London Relay—"Accent on Rhythm."

A further selection of dance tunes, some new, some old, arranged by Kames Moody; The Singers—Anna McKinn and Jack McCafferty; The Players—George Allison (Guitar) and James Moody (Piano).

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"Food for Thought."

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Report.

9.50 Maria Olzewska—Contralto. Sapphiche Ode; Die Malnacht (Brhms).

9.57 Brahms—Double Concerto in A Minor Op. 102.

Played by Thibaud (Violin) and Casals (Cello) with the Pablo Casals Orchestra cond. by Alfred Cortot.

10.30 London Relay—An Organ Recital.

From St. George's Chapel, Windsor by W. H. Harris with an introductory talk by Owen Morehead, C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C., Librarian to His Majesty the King.

11.00 Close Down.

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All In It Together

ONE IMPORTANT factor in the defence of Hongkong seems to have escaped notice.

That is the question of compensation for loss of civilian life or property in time of war.

In the last war restitution was not accepted as a Government responsibility, and, happily, the question never arose in this Colony.

The subject is one which has arisen in England, where the Government has agreed in principle to the payment of pensions in the same order as Army and Navy pensions for civilians killed or disabled in air raids, and, more important, for the payment in part of compensation for wrecked or damaged buildings.

In the Far East, Hongkong property owners must be conscious of the heavy losses they will face if this Colony is ever involved in war. Many people now in Hongkong, in fact, were the losers in the Shanghai holocausts in 1932 and 1937. There must be hundreds of residents in this Colony who have lost practically everything they possessed in Canton.

Insurance is ruled out as a practicable basis for war risks of this kind. Although an attempt was made to force the insurance companies to meet claims after the Chapei holocaust in 1932, the amounts claimed were so astronomical that they defeated their object. Obviously, no insurance company in the world would be able to meet the claims arising from the destruction of a city by bombing.

It boils down to this, then: If property holders are to be protected, protection must come from the Government.

If there is to be war, then from the start the principle must be accepted that we are all in it together.

The authorities are taking the necessary measures to protect human lives on this basis. But what about property? It is admittedly a far less important consideration; nevertheless the people who invest in this Colony are entitled to some protection.

# GOOD HEALTH

FALSE notions about health are common to mankind the world over.

For instance, to be topical, have you believed this summer that the benefit derived from sunshine is determined by the length of exposure to the sun's rays, by the intensity of the tan produced; that "one cannot get too much sunshine"?

Here are some facts: 1.—Man, being an animal and not a tree, does not require prolonged exposure to the sun's rays for his proper physiological functioning. The best proof of this statement is to be found in the fact that the inhabitants of the Arctic and Antarctic regions do not suffer as a result of their yearly recurring six months of night.

2.—That a sun-tan promotes health is a delusion. Its chief benefit derives from the fact that it permits one to go about in the sun without further burning. The tan is thus Nature's device for protecting the body against continued absorption of the sun's rays.

3.—A brief exposure to sunshine is productive of all the possible good that can be expected. There is no scientific justification for the "ultra" bathing suit. The exposure of a small portion of the body accomplishes as much good as if the entire body were exposed.

4.—The exhilarating effect of sun-bathing experienced by many who use this measure in a sensible manner is derived as much from the free air circulating about the body as from the sun.

5.—The best time (some authorities say the only time) for sun-bathing is from dawn to 9 a.m., the next is from 4 p.m. to sundown.

6.—In summer one does not have to be in the direct sunshine to obtain its benefits, because the actinic rays are reflected from dust particles in the air, the clouds, buildings, etc. What is known as skyshine is as healthful as sunshine. This explains the interesting fact that some persons can get a definite, though mild, sunburn while walking on shaded city streets.

Such is my approach to health through exposing health fallacies. Here are a few more fallacies, chosen at random from a collection of hundreds. Do you believe—

**SLEEPING**  
That it is not an entirely healthful habit for one to sleep on his left side because such a position embarrasses the heart's action?

**THIS** misconception is evidently related to the fallacy concerning the position of the heart. It is brought to the attention of physicians every now and then by anxious patients. There is, however, no foundation in fact for such a notion.

In certain forms of heart disease the left side of the heart enlarges considerably because of the extra work it has to perform (quite as the blacksmith's muscles enlarge because of his strenuous work).

When the heart becomes enlarged in such a manner, a larger portion of the organ is found on the left side. Even in such instances no harm can result from one's sleeping on his left side because of the satisfactory protection given by the chest wall, formed by the ribs, muscles, etc.

That night air is unhealthy?

**DR. C. W. SALEEBY** says: "Night air contains fewer organic gases, since, in the absence of the sun's heat, putrefactive processes are less active. Certainly night air contains no kind of miasma peculiar to itself—except that produced in the bedroom."

"As to solid matter, night air again has the advantage for the city dweller since less traffic means less dust, less microbe-laden dust. Night air differs, again, in that it is colder, as a rule, and undoubtedly if you propose to ventilate your bedroom you may require an extra blanket."

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The nations mass their forces in search of what was once man's individual ideal: good health. Some believe that gymnastics will bring bodily fitness; others doubt it. Many think that diet is the secret of physical efficiency; many more trust in exercise. What is one nation's meat is often another's poison.

Here a distinguished American, Dr. AUGUST A. THOMEN—whose work Lord Horder says will "successfully challenge the most severe criticism"—tackles the subject from an entirely new angle.

is perhaps not too dearly-bought thus."

**FATIGUE**

That chronic fatigue in healthy persons is usually due to over-work?

**THIS** is an erroneous opinion, however, for the real reason in the majority of cases is a chronic acidosis ranging in degree from mildness to severity. It is easily proved that the hardest kind of physical work does not produce chronic fatigue in a healthy individual.

A night or two of sleep, especially with a day of rest between, will always suffice to refresh a person who has become extremely tired from excessive work.

But the chronic fatigue which we are now considering is not evidently helped by mere rest, for it is the tiredness from which one cannot rest—a nervous fatigue, with resulting inability to apply one's self efficiently to the day's work.

This type of fatigue is caused by the poisoning, so to speak, of nerve tissues by the impurities, chiefly of an acid character, pre-

sent in the body fluids which bathe them.

Tests made in physiological laboratories have proved that it is very difficult to produce fatigue in a nerve.

It is the belief of many physicians who have studied the problem that this type of fatigue is due to the drugging, as it were, of nerve tissue by the over-production of acid products due to an excessive eating of acid-forming foods.

**EATING**

That if one eats green apples he will most certainly get a stomachache?

**THERE** is nothing in green apples to cause a stomachache in itself. If the apple is eaten slowly and sufficiently chewed the stomach would not be able to distinguish between a ripe and unripe one. Eating slowly and chewing well are so important because it is necessary that the fruit be thoroughly mixed with the saliva for its proper digestion.

That meat should be much more thoroughly chewed than bread, vegetables, or fruit?

**THE** correct answer is that it is much more important to chew the bread-stuffs, vegetables, and fruits than it is the meat. Yes, strange as it may seem, it is far more important to chew one's mashed potatoes than one's meat or fish.

That oranges, lemons, grape fruit, tomatoes, etc., form acids in the body?

**FRUITS** and vegetables form alkaline substances in the human body—except prunes, plums, cherries, and cranberries. It is interesting to note that most often ripe, uncooked plums and cherries have a pleasant, sweet taste, yet they form acids in the system, while the most sour lemon forms an alkali. Evidently our taste is not a proper guide in the matter.

**READING**

That reading light must come from over the left shoulder to be the most effective?

**IT** has been determined by experimentation that light matters not from where the light comes, provided there are no shadows cast upon the page, and provided the rays from the light do not enter the eye.

The light should be at least 26 degrees away from the direct line of sight, and should be so placed as to avoid direct reflections from the glossy pages so commonly used.

The best reading light is that termed "indirect," in which the source of light is hidden and the rays thrown on the ceiling. This is similar in effect to daylight.

## DO YOU HATE ARUM

LILIES

By

N. B. W.

CHINA HAS done much for me and to me.

On the credit side of the account she has all but conquered the sting of obliteration.

To hint that eternal oblivion nowhere is preferable to temporary life in these parts is not the intention.

But, with intense and melancholy recollections of the truly ghastly exhibitions of funeralism in other countries, and now that I am, almost daily, an interested spectator of the seemingly care-free, nearly exhilarating, colourful pageants that accompany the deceased Oriental, the fact that I shall one day personally fill the role of piece de resistance in the grand finale, leaves little pang.

The profusion of fresh blossom, the gorgeous tints of peacock-blue, Nile-green, crimson and gold of banner and habiliments; the clear air, the golden sunshine all engender hope; suggest the futility of sorrow for the inevitable.

It is true that the chief mourners, cream-sackcloth-clad, wail at times, and are almost invariably supported on either side by friends and sympathisers, but there is more than a slight suspicion that such an attitude is considered to be "the thing" and must be done in all decorum.

The prevailing note is one of every-day non-chalance, as though

nothing out of the ordinary is happening (and is it?).

It is not to be expected that the paid bearers of banners, of bright paper images and so on would exhibit any degree of regret or sorrow, and perhaps to the strings of school-children or the little band of employees a change of Head is of little moment.

But even that rounded, mandarin-capped, black-silk-gowned, prosperous and kindly-looking old gentleman who paces with so dignified an air and slow a gait at the tail-end of the progress, chats cheerily and with animation to others like himself.

The over-burdened, sweating, grotesquely-habited bearers of the flower-secreted catafalque certainly realize the heaviness of life, what- ever their attitude towards death.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I just gotta have more guns, planes, and tanks, Mom! All the other fellas in our block are re-arming!"

A SMALL suburban home faced a London cemetery—not nearly so lugubrious a situation as it sounds. Well-grown trees of laburnum, mountain-ash, hawthorn and poplar enclosed the ground entirely inside a golden-chestnut fence.

In the portion yet awaiting tenants birds incessantly twittered in a blissful security from all natural enemies, always excepting the ubiquitous cat.

Day after day these melancholy, deeply oppressing functions went on, and upon a day of chilling rain or dank mist, the eternal unrelief of black and white clutched at the heart of the most volatile of individuals, of the most persistent of Mark Tapleys.

Welcome was the cheerful interrupting note of the shrill and vibrant of the massive black Flanders stallions which drew the hideous, over-ornamented vehicle of shining black and glaring glass, glided knobs and futile, silly carvings.

Fine creatures they were, though cumbrous of build, coats groomed to silken sheen, manes and tails of prodigious length and thickness.

Upon the proudly tossing, impatient heads great blobs of shaggy horse-hair—to-day fortunately relegated to the circus-ring, and gaily coloured at that.

How grateful we were to those mighty animals providing a slight relief in a gloomy, despondent mood, seemingly purposely staged for the annihilation of any future hopes.

AN Italian provincial city. The honoured dust probably rests upon a weighty, ponderous vehicle of white and gold.

If the strident chanting of the long double file of white-clothed, professional lady mourners is not exactly musical, nevertheless it strikes a lively note.

The little acolytes, tired and somewhat inattentive with the weary tramp on hard stone streets, bear enormous candles canting in the most grotesque of drunken attitudes.

The lace-frocked, blue-jowled priests, gigantic feet incongruously protruding below the black alpaca cassocks, somewhat arrogantly scan the staring crowds, and provide in tones stentorian the anti-strophe to the atrophe of the wailing maidens on ahead.

Then stride the incense-swingers, the gliden vessels all ablaze; the bearers of the Holy Water, to whom the people urgently and eagerly push, hoping to be blessed with a sprinkled drop of sacred fluid.

WHEN AND if I have leisure before I am induced to fill the chief role in such a ceremony, I intend to trace the history of the British obsequies down the ages, and discover whether we have always taken our pleasures thus sadly.



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### Britain

## Seven Irish Terrorists Sentenced

Seven men were found guilty at the Old Bailey to-day on charges of conspiracy to cause explosion and of possessing explosives or firearms. They were among 22 men and a girl committed for trial by the Bow Street court on March 9.

The heaviest sentence of 10 years' penal servitude was passed on a 35-year-old Irish terrorist named Wharton, whom the judge said was a member of a gang which committed murders of British officers and others up to 1922, had fought against two different Governments in Ireland, and was a "hypocrite."

Three others, all young men, were sentenced to eight, five and four years' penal servitude respectively. The youngest was only 19 years of age.

Two youths were sentenced to the Borstal Institution for three years, and one other man to 18 months' imprisonment.—*Reuter.*

### India

## Calcutta Memorial To King George V.

Sir Robert Reid, acting Governor of Bengal, unveiled to-day a bronze statue of King George V which forms part of the memorial to the late sovereign.

Detachments of the regular and auxiliary forces attended the ceremony which was to have been performed in February last but was postponed owing to the death of Lord Brabourne.

The statue, which was designed by Mr. William McMillan, shows the late King in the robes which he wore at the Delhi Durbar. The model of the statue was approved by Queen Mary.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

### Germany

## Budget Indications

Berlin, Apr. 3. Various guarantees amounting to £125,000,000, including £40,000,000 for the promotion of exports are the outstanding features of the 1939 budget. An announcement in the *Law Gazette* reveals that the Government has no intention of presenting out and dried budget figures to the public.

The Finance Minister has been authorised to assume guarantees to £10,000,000 for the promotion of industries within the limits of the four year plan.

In future it will be very difficult to guess what Germany is spending on armaments and defence.—*Reuter.*

### TZE TAM LOTTERY

## Many Gamblers Appear Before Magistrates

Before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy yesterday, two men, Ko Ki, 33, and Lai Sang, 19, were charged with keeping the ground floor of No. 21 Po Tak Street, West Point, as a common gaming house for the purpose of carrying on a tze-tam lottery.

Ko was fined \$50, and Lai \$50 or two months' hard labour. Both had previous convictions. A sum of \$2.99 picked up from the gaming table was given to the Court Poor Box.

Ho So, 50, unemployed, charged with keeping a common gaming house at 588 Queen's Road West, first floor, was fined \$25 or a month's hard labour. He also kept the gaming house for tze-tam. A sum of \$1.73 seized by the police went to the Court Poor Box.

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Kwok Kuen, 19, student, and Kwok Ping, 40, stevedore, were charged with keeping a common gaming house at 399 Hennessy Road, third floor, Wan-chai, on April 1. Ten others, Kwok Kong, 20, clerk; Kwok Nui, 19, single woman; Young Chun, 22, married woman; Leung Tai-ko, 25, married woman; Wong Ching, 42, married woman; Kwok Wing, 31, unemployed; Kwok Wah, 21, stevedore; Lau Tin, 22, servant boy; and Kwok Kau, 18, student, were charged with gambling in the premises.

Detective-Sergeant T. Cashman, who prosecuted, said he understood Mr. M. A. da Silva was representing all the defendants, and asked for a date. The case was accordingly adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on April 14.

The two keepers were allowed bail of \$100 each, and the gamblers bail of \$5 each.

### Poland

## Col. Beck Crosses Europe To London

Warsaw, Apr. 3. Berlin reports said Colonel Beck arrived at the Silesian frontier at 8.40 p.m. and departed at 9.11 p.m. without leaving his coach. The German Foreign Office observed the bare formalities of sending the Deputy Chief of the Protocol, Herr Von Halem to the station to greet the Polish Foreign Minister.

Herr Von Halem left after paying his respects to and conversing with Colonel Beck for five minutes. Three representatives of the Polish Legation in Berlin also greeted Colonel Beck.

Colonel Beck would make no statement to several newspapermen who had waited at the station.—*United Press.*

### Calls At No. 10

London, Apr. 3. Mr. Arthur Greenwood, deputy Leader of the Opposition, called at No. 10 Downing Street this morning.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

### Left for England

London, Apr. 3. Col. Beck left Ostend shortly after 11 a.m. and will arrive in London this evening.

When passing through Berlin he did not leave the train, which stopped there for 20 minutes. An official of the German Foreign Office called on the Polish Foreign Minister for five minutes.

Col. Beck's time in London will be left fairly free for conversations with Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax. He will attend a dinner at the Foreign Office to-night, lunch with the King to-morrow and have dinner at the Polish Embassy.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

### Beck In France

Ostend, Apr. 3. Col. Beck has arrived here and will cross the Channel at 11 a.m.—*Reuter.*

### Polish Press Reticent

Warsaw, Apr. 3. The press on Monday shows a notable reserve in comments on Foreign Minister Beck's visit to London and in the forecasts on the probable results of the negotiations. The majority of the papers warn the readers not to expect too much.

According to the papers, Poland expects to get a loan of about 30 million Pounds from England.

The *Polska Zbrojna*, the organ of the army, stresses that Poland's foreign policy will remain unchanged, in spite of England's guarantee.—*Trans-Ocean.*

### Review Of Situation

London, Apr. 3. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is expected to review the whole field of European affairs, after which Sir Archibald Sinclair will speak for the Liberals, Mr. Hugh Dalton will wind up for the Labourites and Sir John Simon for the Government.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Lloyd George are expected this time to join the chorus of approval of the Government's new course which, it is predicted, will come from all sides of the House. The vote on the motion can thus be interpreted as confidence in the Government.

The House of Lords will meet at 3.30 p.m. to hear a statement from Lord Halifax on the European situation and the Government's foreign policy.—*United Press.*

### Arrives In London

London, Apr. 3. Colonel Beck has arrived at Dover.—*Reuter.*

### GERMANY WATCHING

Berlin, Apr. 3. The Wilhelmstrasse is awaiting the outcome of the Polish Foreign Minister's conversations in London with the full realisation that Germany's future in the East may be warning to Poland and Britain in his speech at Wilhelmshaven on Saturday that Germany will not allow herself to be encircled by a group of hostile powers.

More specifically, observers have interpreted these words as a last warning to Colonel Beck that Poland will abandon her policy of neutrality and friendship with Germany only at her own risk. Mr. Chamberlain's assurances to Poland, of England's aid in case she is attacked, does not please the Nazis. They maintain that Germany has no intention of moving an army against friendly Poland and accuse England of creating an anti-German feeling in an effort to frighten Poland on the eve of Colonel Beck's departure for London.

German political circles express the opinion that if Poland joins the front with England and France against Germany, Germany will be released from her obligations to Poland under the treaty of friendship which was signed in 1934 and which has another five years to run. So, observers point out, this treaty has served to reassure Poland that Germany has not intended a sudden coup to recover the Polish Corridor and Danzig.—*United Press.*

## Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

dissolute hookha distant dissatisfied

English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

### Manila Fire

Manila, Mar. 3. Fire destroyed to-day the suburban warehouse of the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, one of the oldest American firms in the Philippines.

The damage, estimated at 250,000 pesos, consisted chiefly of wood patterns for casting and also historically valuable wooden models of early American construction projects in the Philippines.—*United Press.*

### Belgium

## FINAL ELECTION RESULTS

## Rexists Completely Defeated

Brussels, Apr. 3. The official election returns of the Belgian Parliament show the following results for the Chamber:

Catholics 73 seats, gained ten seats; Social Democrats 64 seats, lost six seats; Liberals 33 seats, gained ten seats; Flemish Nationalists 17 seats, gained one seat; Communists nine seats, unchanged; Rexists four seats, lost sixteen; One Independent, the Antwerp "Technocrat" Fransen; One Legion representative.

The Belgian Senate shows the following distribution of seats: Catholics 35, gained four; Social Democrats 35, gained five; Flemish Nationalists eight, gained three; Communists three, lost one; Rexists one, lost seven.

The final returns give a total of 202 Deputies for the Chamber and 101 Senators for the Senate. Of the remaining 60 Senators, 44 will be elected by the provincial councils and 22 by the Senate itself, by a method of proportional representation. The election results of the last two categories will not be announced before April 12.

Compared with the previous dissolved Parliament the newly elected Chamber and Senate show so far that the Catholics have become the strongest political party in Belgium, shifting the Marxists to second place. Also, the losses of the Rexists are noteworthy, although on the other hand the Rexist leader, M. Degrelle, will sit in the Chamber for the first time. Another remarkable newcomer in the Chamber is the "Technocrat" Fransen from Antwerp, who wants to reorganise the world on a technical basis and who only recently was arrested by the Belgian police on an insanity charge.

Since the Liberals also scored, a gain of ten seats in the Chamber, a two-party Government made up by the clerical Catholic and Liberal Parties, which together hold the absolute majority, is to be expected in the near future.—*Trans-Ocean.*

### Total Votes Cast

Brussels, Apr. 3. Participation in the Belgian Chamber election decreased slightly in comparison with the last election, since 2,333,329 votes were cast against 2,362,454 in 1936.

The Catholics have about 33 per cent. of the total votes, Liberals 17½ per cent., Social Democrats 30 per cent., Flemish Nationalists 9 per cent., and other parties 2 per cent.—*Trans-Ocean.*

### Italy

## Italians Working For Appeasement

Rome, Apr. 3. Britain and Italy are reported by authoritative quarters to be working behind the scenes for a general European appeasement.

According to well informed quarters, Britain is doing her utmost to mediate between Italy and France on the understanding that Italy mediate between Poland and Germany.

Fascist circles understand that the behind the scenes activity regarding mediation, which hardly seems to fit the Italian press comments that Italy maintains the so-called sacred rights, must be recognised as a possible basis for negotiations with France.

This would mean undoubtedly that Italy's minimum demands for a jurisdictional settlement of the Tunisian, Djibouti and Suez Canal disputes must be considered, however, before any real entente could be established.—*United Press.*

### France

## Lebrun May Become President Again

Paris, Apr. 3. President Lebrun's intention to stand for re-election was seen in his citation, in to-day's speech at Montellimar, of the late President Loutetier's famous phrase "I did not come here for my pleasure, and I do not intend to clear out for others' pleasure."

A total of 158 Socialist Deputies, 14 Socialist Senators, 20 Republican-Socialists and a substantial number of Radical-Socialist deputies are opposing President Lebrun's re-election, but to-day's statement indicates he intends to defy the opposition and accept the invitation to stand for a second term.—*United Press.*

### Spain

## Bringing Madrid Back To Normal

Madrid, Apr. 3. The Nationalists are continuing their efforts at stamping out Republican elements and have rounded up already 22,000 milicianos. Motor car owners have been summoned to appear within 20 days and show licences to prove ownership.

The Civil Governor, Senor Luis Balazuel, has taken charge of hospitals, workhouses and benevolent institutions which he found in a filthy state and foodless except for a few dry crusts and a few ounces of lentils. He entered the Hospital del Rey yesterday and found that all the food there was there for 700 patients was a few scraps of bread. Nearly all the personnel have been ordered to carry out an inspection of the city armed with tons of disinfectants.

Hundreds of railway workers are now in the Sierras north of Madrid, laying rail and blasting fortifications. It is estimated that it will take 48 hours to allow normal communication with northern provinces.—*United Press.*

### France's Entry Delayed

London, Apr. 3. An Exchange Telegraph message from Lisbon to-day states that General Franco's arrival in Madrid has been postponed because he has been ill with influenza at Burgos.—*United Press.*

### FLEET HANDED OVER

Paris, Apr. 3. Two cruisers, one submarine, 11 torpedo boats and two transports which belonged to Republican Spain and which were interned in France sailed for Spain to-day after being handed over to General Franco's representatives.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

### Many Refugees

Tunis, Apr. 3. The Spanish Republican fleet left Bizerte at 8 a.m. yesterday manned by Nationalist crews and carrying 2,300 refugees. The refugees remaining at Mahassy number 1,000.—*United Press.*

### SUCCESSFUL YEAR

## R.A.M.C. Association Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Royal Army Medical Corps Association was held at the Urban Council Chambers in the General Post Office Building yesterday, with the President, Colonel J. T. Simson, presiding.

The Secretary, Sgt. Major Macfarlane, reported that the Association had had a successful year, while the Treasurer reported that the balance in hand amounted to £18. 18. 2.

Mr. Macfarlane said: "During the year 1938, the local branch of the Association held several social entertainments which included ten dances at the Peninsula and Cecil Hotels respectively, a tennis 'at-home', the annual 'clicket' match (past versus present members of the Corps), and the annual dinner.

The Dances were attended by a fair number of Association members, their wives and friends, and were strongly patronised by local residents of the Colony.

"I am proud to be able to state that the conduct of those attending was such as to enable the functions to be voted 'second to none' in the district.

"The tennis 'at home' was arranged in May and proved a very successful entertainment, the excitement being increased by the introduction of a tin and bottle tournament.

"The annual cricket match, after having been repeatedly postponed owing to inclement weather, etc., was played on December 3 on the Civil Service Club Ground and resulted in a win for the ex-Corps members. It is hoped to reverse this result during 1939, as I am informed, the Past have yet to be beaten by the Present.

### Annual Dinner Well Attended

"The third annual dinner was held in the Cecil Hotel on October 15, and was very well attended by both serving and ex-Corps members. The evening proved very successful from a social point of view and were pleased to welcome in our midst the D.G.M.S. Hongkong, in the person of Doctor Selwyn-Clarke. The President of our Branch, Colonel J. T. Simson, from whom we hoped to glean many secrets, delegated his arduous duties to the Chairman, who, in a witty speech, summarised the activities of the local branch during the year.

"As this function seems to have become a permanent one it is hoped we shall be able to hold future dinners, etc., in more fitting surroundings.

"I am pleased to be able to report that a donation of ten pounds was forwarded to the Central Fund during 1938, and we were able to make a grant of five pounds to the widow of one of our late members.

"Summing up, Gentlemen, the Association seems to be holding its own in all respects and I earnestly request all members to co-operate and help carry on the work."

The following Committee was then elected for 1939: Colonel W. D. Arthur, M.B.E., President; Sgt. Major L. J. Macfarlane (Secretary); Staff Sgt. A. H. Alexander (Treasurer); and Cpl. Hanlon, Q.M.S. J. J. Elliott, A. Steven (Committee members).

### Casado In France

Marseilles, Apr. 3. Colonel Casado and other members of the former Spanish Republican Defence Junta arrived here on the British hospital ship *Maine*. Other Republican refugees aboard were General Menendez, chief of the Army of the Levant, the national committee of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Union, and 200 other civil and military personages.

These refugees embarked at Gambia last Thursday aboard the British destroyer *Galatea* and reported they were going to England.—*Reuter Special.*

### Japan

## REACTIONS TO PEACE MOVES

Tokyo, Apr. 3. Commenting in their editorials on Wang Ching-wei's new statement, the Japanese newspapers this morning express sympathy with the stand made.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* says, "We are definitely not satisfied with the so-called peace terms in his previous statement, although we are in complete accord with his view and policy on stabilising East Asia permanently through mutual co-operation and friendly relations between Japan and China."

"It is true, Wang started the peace movement at the risk of his life, but under present circumstances Hanol in French Indo-China is not the proper place for Wang himself nor for his peace movement."

The *Miyako Shimbun* considers that his statement should be regarded as his will, in the expectation of his own possibly imminent death, thus appealing to the peoples of East Asia.—*Domei.*

### Opponents to Peace

Hanoi, Apr. 3. The death of Mr. Tseng Chung-ming, although a matter for profound regret, will never affect Mr. Wang Ching-wei's belief in peace, the outgoing Kuomintang leader declared on Sunday in reply to a number of written questions sent in by *Domei*'s staff correspondent at Hanoi.—*Domei.*

### Appeal To Leave

Hanoi, Apr. 3. It has transpired that three emissaries of Madame Chiang Kai-shek arrived here from Hongkong on March 31 by aeroplane. The object of the emissaries is understood to be to persuade Mr. Wang Ching-wei to go abroad.

Whether they have established contact with Mr. Wang has not been ascertained.—*Domei.*

### Tientsin

## BANDITS RELEASE MR. DYOTT

Tientsin, Apr. 3. Mr. H. F. Dyott, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce in Tientsin, who was kidnapped by Chinese bandits more than two weeks ago, was released near the town of Shiaocheh, 25 miles east of Tientsin at 11 a.m. to-day.

British officials said that Mr. Dyott is in a healthy condition despite 17 days of privation. They denied, however, that they knew whether or not any ransom had been paid for his release.—*United Press.*

Mr. Dyott, 52 years old, Managing Director of Messrs. Wilson & Co., was kidnapped by three Chinese from his home at No. 1 Newchwang Road, in the former German Concession. The car of the kidnappers broke down within a few minutes of the abduction and but for the apathy of a Chinese police and a crowd of Chinese the victim could have been rescued. It is alleged that the kidnappers belonged to a pro-Japanese gang.

### Japanese Co-operation

Tientsin, Apr. 3. A party of British and Japanese this morning went to the spot near Shiaocheh, seven miles inland from Koku on the Tientsin-Taku road, and there obtained release of Mr. Dyott from the bandits holding him. Details are being withheld for the present.—*Reuter.*

## Governor To Attend S.P.C. Ball

His Excellency the Governor will attend the Ball organised by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 14. The dance band of the Royal Scots will be in attendance.

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# BRITISH PAIR MISS GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN FIRST SET

## S.A. Gray, G.C. Burnett Defeated In Tennis Doubles Tournament

The dropping of three set points, partly through carelessness, not only cost G. C. Burnett and S. A. Gray the first set in their championship tennis doubles match against A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios at the Cricket Club yesterday, but it gave the Portuguese pair a moral advantage which they quickly turned to account in the second set, winning it, and the match at 6-4.

All four players hit like fury, and if fitness was lacking, there was compensating vigour and exuberance in the exchanges to keep the spectators interested. Once again Remedios' service was a tremendous asset to the winners, as testified by the fact that he did not concede a single service game. Nevertheless, the opposition held one set point on his service in the 12th game, and two in the 14th. Burnett also held the whole of his services, but Gosano and Gray consistently lost their, not so much through bad serving, as through errors in the subsequent rallies.

The losers were aggressive from the start, but there was a notable absence of control over a number of shots, which a little steadiness might have turned to better account. Burnett was very facile overhead and was inclined to be caught at his feet by moving too slowly up to the net. Gray's form was decidedly variable, some nice winners being negated through impetuous stroking which piled up the points for Gosano and his partner.

### WINNERS STEADIER

The winners undeniably played the steadier brand of tennis, but at no time did they touch the brilliant form displayed by them in the previous round against Fincher and Hunk. In fact the result might easily have gone the other way, and it would not have been unfair.

Remedios was the pick of the players. He volleyed delightfully, scoring several times with perfect cross-court shots, and while he had small chance to show off his powerful overhead smash, he displayed sound ground strokes which paved the way for successful net advances.

Gosano was inclined to error, but when it was required, could tighten

### Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

#### OPEN SINGLES

Ho Ka-lau beat Lai Kwong-tsun 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

J. M. Tomlinson received a walk-over from W. J. Howard.

#### OPEN DOUBLES

A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios beat S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett 9-7, 6-4.

## BRITISH BOXING RANKING

### Len Harvey Heads Both Light-Heavyweight, Heavy Divisions

London, March 28. The British National Boxing Association has issued the positions of the leading British fighting at four weights. Under the "Ladder" plan the men move up or down each time they win or lose to the man on the adjoining rung. The positions are:—

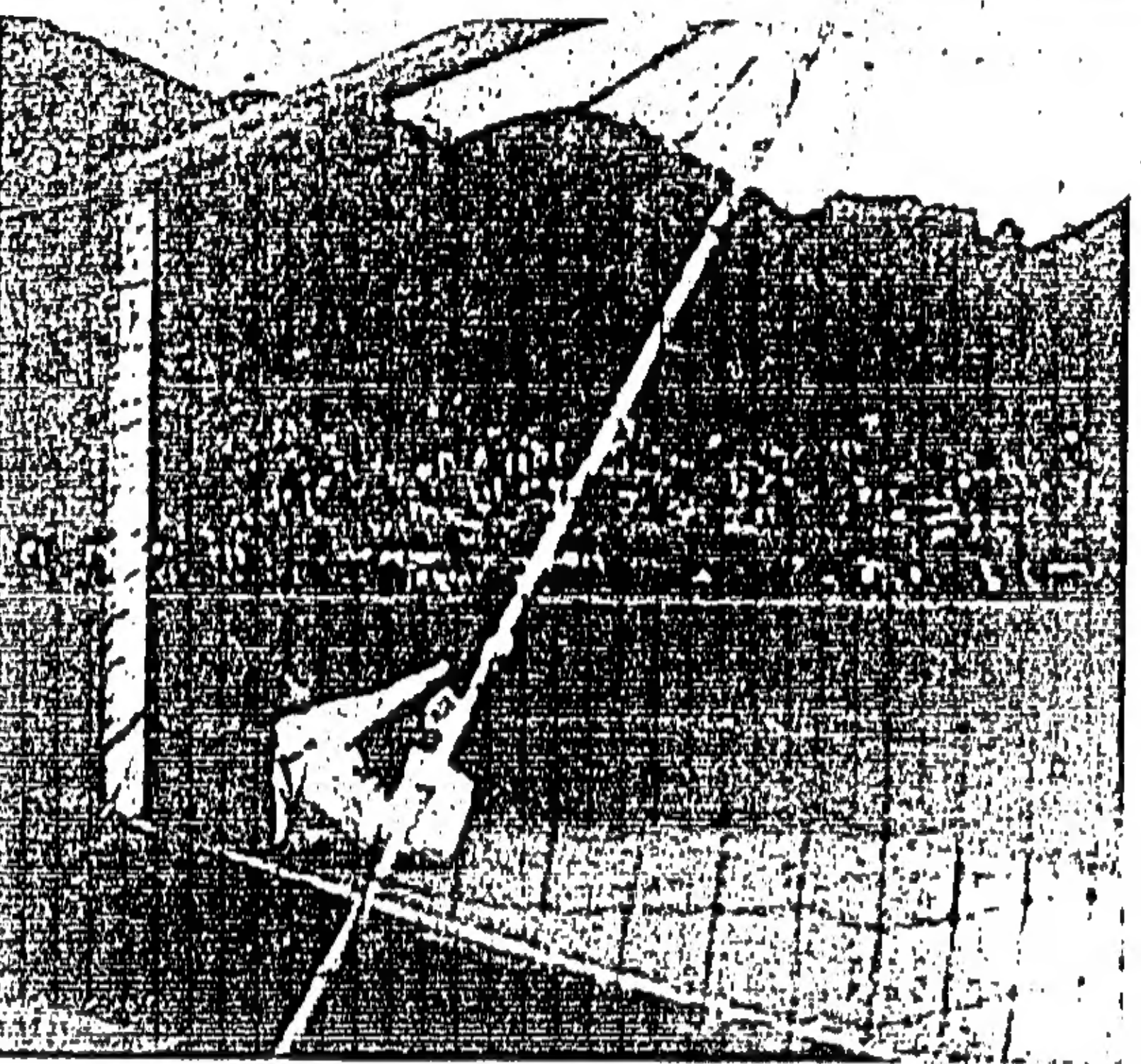
Heavyweight:—1, Len Harvey; 2, Eddie Phillips; 3, Larry Gains; 4, George James; 5, Jack London; 6, Jim Wilde; 7, Harry Lister.

Light-Heavyweight:—1, Len Harvey; 2, Jack McAvoy; 3, Jack Hyams; 4, Tommy Martin; 5, Darkie Ellis; 6, Bob Firman; 7, Tom Reddington; 8, Charlie Bundy.

Middleweight:—1, Jack McAvoy; 2, Cinner Sadi; 3, Jack Hyams; 4, Eddie Maguire; 5, George Davis; 6, Dave McGee; 7, Ben Valentine; 8, Nat Franks.

Welterweight:—1, Jake Kilrain; 2, Ernie Rederick; 3, Harry Mizler; 4, Norman Snow; 5, Letty Flynn; 6, Jim Lawler; 7, George Odwell; 8, Frank Erne.—Reuter.

beating Lai Kwong-tsun, the former Canton champion after three gruelling sets. Ho Ka-lau's experience was the deciding factor in an entertaining match.



The two goal-keepers in action in the match last Saturday between the Straits Chinese and the South China A.A. at Caroline Hill. Top picture shows Pau Ka-ping, the South China custodian, jumping out to punch clear, while below Len Harvey, of the Straits team, is caught in a peculiar pose. South China won this match by three goals to nil.

### Hockey

## SHANGHAI TEAMS SELECTED TO PLAY HONGKONG

Sir Herbert Phillips has accepted the invitation of the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association to attend the forthcoming Interport Match against Hongkong on April 8, Saturday, to present the trophy to the winning team states the N. C. D. News.

Shanghai has selected a good team to meet the visitors following the trial game at Kiaschow Park. The nucleus of the forward line on Shanghai's side has been drawn from the redoubtable Greens, local champions, with Misses Decima Eardley, Mary Sheridan, and Nora Kelly filling the three inside positions.

The Rest of Shanghai team which will meet Hongkong on April 9 has also been selected. The two teams read as follows:

Interport XI.—U. Pael, E. Bloomfield, M. Osa, I. Wilkinson, M. Brilling, M. Malinovsky, J. McKeown (Capt.), E. Eardley, M. Sheridan, N. Kelly, U. Berg, Reserves: I. Ormberg, J. Piccozzi, S. Forster, P. Forshaw, M. Collaco.

The Rest XI.—M. Collaco, P. Forshaw, B. Cumine, V. Hutton, I. Berg, S. Forster (Capt.), J. Piccozzi, L. Mackelvie, I. Ormberg, A. da Silva, D. Bloomfield, Reserves: T. Collaco, S. Ahmed, M. Turner, I. Blair, F. Pereira.

On April 10 the visitors will be pitted against the Greens XI. All the three matches are to begin at 3.15 p.m.

**Interport History**  
In January 1935, the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association sent a team to Hongkong, thereby inaugurating the first ladies interport competition. Messrs. White & Co., British Company in Shanghai, kindly presented a shield for competition. The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association won the match by a narrow score of one goal to nil.

In January 1936 the Hongkong ladies' team paid a return visit to Shanghai and again won the trophy by a narrow score of one goal to nil. The match was played in bitterly cold weather and the ground was inches deep with snow, and which completely ruined any possibility of good play.

In February, 1937, the Shanghai ladies' team again visited Hongkong and on this occasion a very exciting match was played, ending in a draw, two goals all, after extra time had been played.  
Owing to local conditions, no interport visit was arranged during 1938.

## Straits Team Play Chinese XI To-morrow

The soccer match between the Straits Chinese and the Hongkong Combined Chinese will be played at Caroline Hill to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. and not at 5 p.m. as originally fixed.

His Excellency the Governor and party, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Chinese Representatives have consented to attend the match. The official dinner in honour of the Straits footballers will be held at the Kwong Chow Restaurant to-morrow evening. Dress will be optional.

## Dunfermline Beat Morton By 5-2

London, Apr. 3. In the Second Division of the Scottish Football League, Dunfermline

# CRICKET IN COLONY AT A LOW EBB: SAYS "R. ABBIT"

## Samuel Should Have Beaten Madsen

### "Nerves" When In Winning Position

London, March 11. A. S. Samuel's bid to bring the All-England Badminton Championship to Malaya ended in the semi-final when he was defeated by the eventual winner of the title, Tage Madsen (Denmark), 15-7, 9-15, 11-15.

Samuel held the commanding lead of 10-1 in the final game and then appeared to fall the victim to a chronic attack of nerves. He was "put out" when he followed through a kill and his racket hit the net.

Madsen had a run of seven aces in which he was helped by the fact that Samuel's touch and judgment had left simple looking shots as "put out" when he followed through a kill and his racket hit the net.

Commenting on the match, The Times said: "Madsen did not seem so down-right as he had been in earlier rounds, but Samuel, with his inimitable bearing and quite unimpaired anticipation, was giving a delightfully subtle game in the fore-court, and it was only just in time that Madsen remembered his adversary's comparative weakness at the back of the court—and even then he seemed to forget that Samuel's backhand strokes are apparently so weak that he refuses to use them."

"But the mere fact that Samuel was running round his backhand smashes put a great strain on a man who covers the court in large, violent movements, and this long match was probably decided by staying power."

Having won the first game in a run of five from 10-7, Samuel was ahead at 9-7 in the second, thanks almost entirely to the deft skill of his short game—and since his strokes are by no means classical he must, as they say, have an eye like a hawk. Then, that early, he showed signs of tiredness and Madsen, a sturdy young man full of vigorous strokes and footwork, kept him back so well that he did not win another point in that game.

"But Samuel was again at his tricks in the forecourt so cleverly that he went to 10-1 in the last game, and the lead seemed decisive. Then the gallery rose at Madsen's fighting challenge."

He came up to 8-10 in times more—he put Madsen out with a fine drop at match-point—his touch had gone. Not only his touch, but his judgment too, for at 11-10 he twice let the shuttle drop deliberately and it sailed down in court under his nose."

## RUGGER MATCHES AT HOME

London, Apr. 3. The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

Sidmouth	0	Gloucester	6
Devonport	0	Capt. Craws-	0
Services	0	hay's XV	20
Pontypool	0	Neath	6
Redruth	19	St. Bart's	0

### RUGBY LEAGUE

London, Apr. 3.

The following Rugby League match was played:

Hullfax	20	St. Helen's	5
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—Reuter.

line, at home, defeated Morton by five goals to two to-day.—Reuter.

## But University Enterprise One Of Redeeming Features

The interesting position in the Second Division continues after the results of Saturday last. It would appear that Reccreio have practically dropped out of the running owing to their failure to get the Civil Service's last wicket. They have only 14 points with one match to play. The University are very well in the picture, for their victory over the Army on Saturday last has made their record 8 games with 15½ points. If Kowloon win against the Police they will finish with 19 and are unassailable, but if there is a draw, or the Police win, then the University will win outright provided that they can beat the Navy 2nd eleven.

The University deserve great credit for their victory last Saturday over the Army, as the latter may well have thought themselves safe when they declared with the score of 169 for 4 wickets. However, thanks principally to a fine knock of 77 by J. Poon, who has been in the form this season, backed up by two scores of 22 by K. Y. Tam and K. S. Oh, the University just got the runs with their last wicket at stake. The revival of University cricket, and more particularly the excellent spirit in which they play the game, has been one of the most pleasing features of a somewhat disappointing season.

### A HIGH SCORING GAME

Craigengower 2nd eleven had played well to knock up 149 against the Hongkong Club whose bowlers—regular ones rather—seemed to have been rather out of form. Robb came to the rescue, going on third change and taking 6 wickets for 42 runs. With 150 to go to win, the Club went out and brought it off very nobly. Their skipper (1 very nearly said here their "veteran" skipper), Eric Mitchell made the biggest innings he has achieved for some time, making 73, while Bishop had 33.

### THE FIRST DIVISION

The Hongkong Club only had five members of the team which played regularly at the beginning of the season. However, these were quite sufficient to overcome the Craigengower 1st eleven, who, with the exception of A. R. H. Esmail failed badly. Their batting side is by no means a bad one on paper, but they have gone to pieces even worse than the Civil Service. G. Souza has had a terrible patch, and one of the Zimmers seem to have been coming off Bryan-Gower (5 for 24), and J. L. C. Pearce (5 for 22) took the wickets. The Club had no difficulty in knocking off the runs as Biddell, who having finished with rugby, has turned his attention to cricket, knocked up 30 not out, and, after Ride was out for 25, Alec Pearce made 31 not out. The Club won by 9 wickets. They are third in the League, but I cannot help feeling the prospect is somewhat gloomy for next season. New blood is badly needed, but good players who can play regularly are conspicuous for their absence.

### THE PAST SEASON

As I have already stated, the season of 1938-1939 has not been a very encouraging one, from the point of view of the cricket enthusiast. While making every allowance for the natural tendency to regard the players of the past as better than those of the present, I think it is just to say that Cricket is at a lower ebb in the Colony than it has been for many years. No new players have really made good. Several who appeared the season before to be probable interporters, have either made no advance, or have definitely gone back. The "original picks" for an interport eleven would be, I think, exactly the same as they would have been five years ago—that is, Alec Pearce, H. Owen-Hughes and A. R. Minu. Much, no doubt, must be blamed upon the sorry situation in China, which must inevitably effect a depressing gloom on people's spirits generally.

There is one thing that so far as I am concerned, seems definitely proved, and that is that the experiment of the League in fixing all the League matches after the 1st January has not proved successful. We have not had particularly bad weather, but the season has dragged along and in fact, is not yet finished. This proves that not sufficient time for cancellations has resulted from the new system. There is also the fact that it is a bit awkward for the Navy, although I must say the Navy has put up a gallant struggle to turn out a team, and has done so in both sections of the League religiously. My own opinion is that a modification of the new system might work which would increase the time by including the first three Saturdays in December in the days set out for League play. This would avoid any possible interport match, and at the same time would be clear of the Christmas Triangular Tournament.

## CALL-OVER FOR CITY AND SUBURBAN RACE

London, Apr. 3. The City and Suburban call-over is as follows:

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## FOUR-YEAR SQUASH CONTROVERSY ENDED

London, Mar. 7. Left-handed Margot Lumb, twenty-seven-year-old women's squash rackets champion, decided a four-year controversy at Queen's Club, London, yesterday, by beating Susan Noel, challenger for the title, 9-6, 9-1, 9-7.

These two players are the greatest women players in the world. They are also the greatest ever seen in the game. Miss Noel, dark, twenty-six years of age, was champion in 1933-3-4. Then she deserted squash for lawn tennis. Her last squash victim was Miss Lumb, who challenged for the title in 1934.

Then Margot stepped into Susan's place. Took the title easily in 1935-3-6. In 1937 Margot, brown-haired, fair complexioned, also went in for high-class tennis. She is now ranked as Britain's No. 2 at it.

There was great excitement when the squash world knew Susan was having a go at the championship this year. Opinion had been keenly divided as to who was the better player.

For the first few games yesterday it looked as if Miss Noel's scientific play and clever courtcraft might prevail. She angled the ball bewilderingly, and contrived to give Margot as much backhand work as possible, aiming at making the ball "hug" the side walls and render shots difficult. She thus ran ahead 4-0, 5-1.

### MARGOT GOT GOING

Then Margot, very fast and a slammer unequalled anywhere, began to get going. Margot drew level, and from 6- all went out.

In the second game Miss Noel showed signs of tiring. Margot went at it faster than ever. Starting badly in the third game, Susan managed to pull herself together to level at 3-all, and then cheered her supporters by actually leading, after a breakneck battle, at 7-4.

That was all. Margot dashed into it like a fury, and was champion for the fifth time.

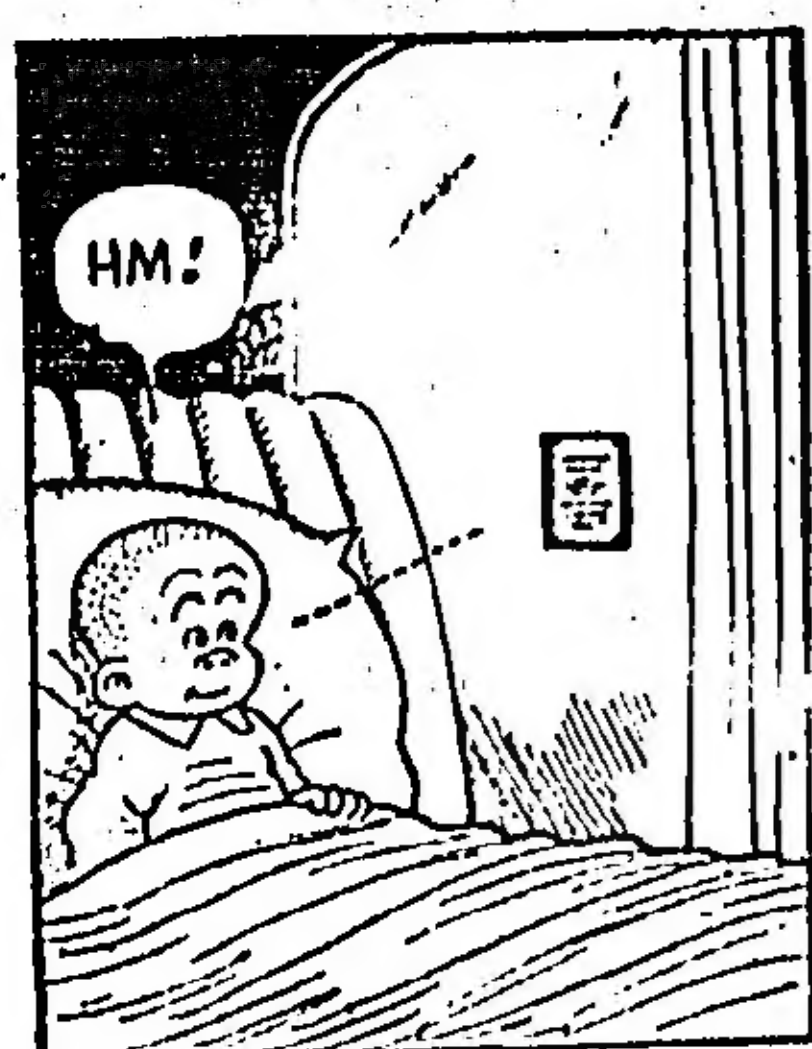
"I couldn't concentrate," said Susan afterwards. "I don't know why I'm so done." Margot summed up her tactics in a crisp sentence: "My intention was to win if I possibly could."



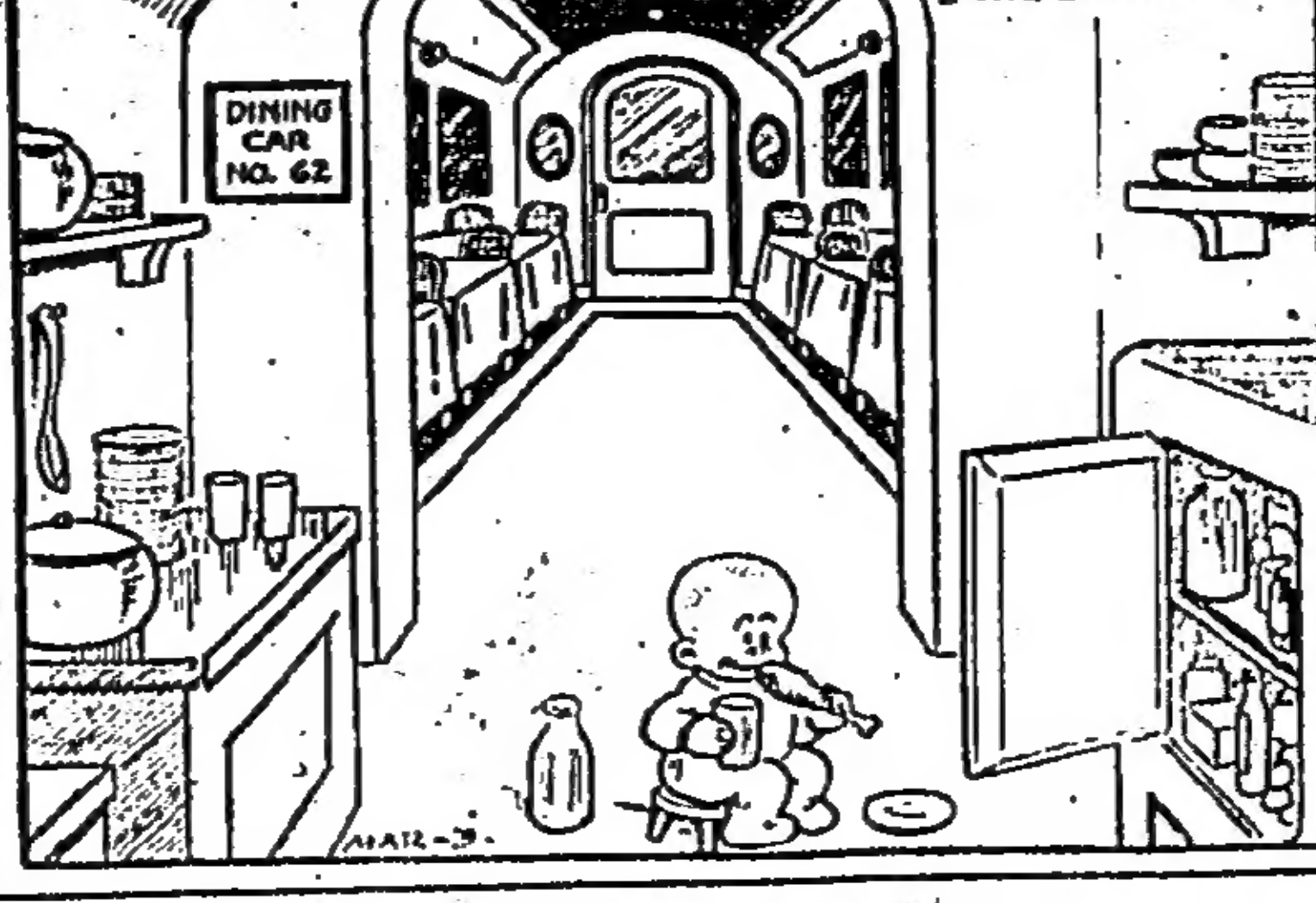
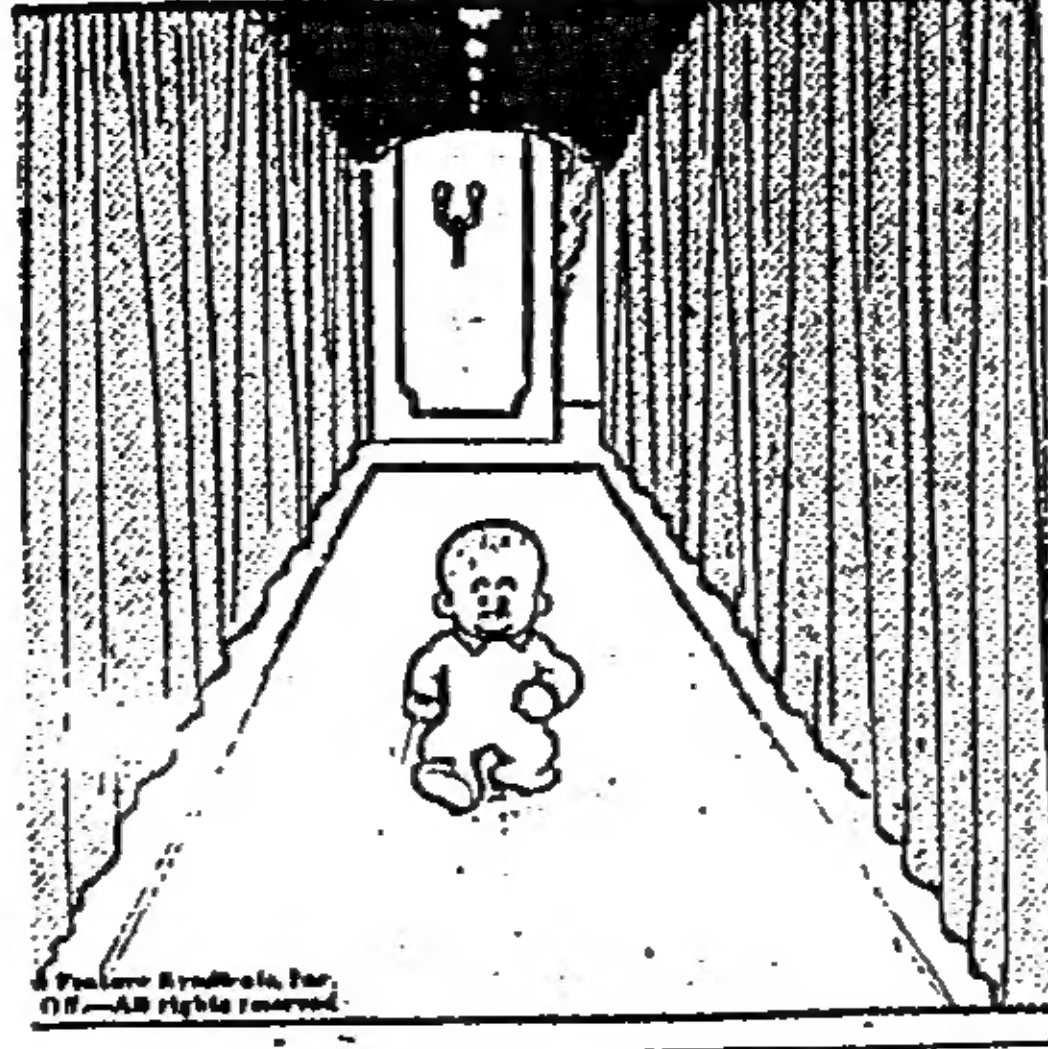
Miss Margot Lumb declined an invitation to tour South Africa with a British tennis team in order to be on hand for the International squash rackets matches between England and the United States at the Queen's Club last month and for the Ladies' Squash Championships. She not only helped England to win the International match, but also won the title from Miss Susan-Noel.



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## Heaton's Kicking Crushes Scots' Hopes

## How England Won Rugger Match Against Scotland

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London, Mar. 19.

Triple Crown winners and champions one year and wooden-spoonists the next! That is Scotland's International Rugby record.

The premier country of last season finished at the foot of the table in the current series as a result of yesterday's defeat in the concluding engagement for the Calcutta Cup.

It was a curious game in that the victors had all of the play and ought to show for it save three penalty goals. Scotland, however, twice crossed the rival line in the first half, but could not convert either try, and in the second half they were so completely outplayed that they never looked like getting on terms.

That these were not forthcoming must be regarded as a notable tribute to the English forwards who, throughout, were in complete command. It was not merely that they controlled the scrummages. That much was expected before the game commenced. They also matched the Scots for fight and effectiveness in the open.

Some of the home scrummages were ragged and wild, and for these lapses a heavy penalty was exacted.

## BACK WEAKNESS

The fact remains, however, that England could not obtain the first essential of a winning side. Truly, it was not merely that they scored even in the closing stages when some of the Scots were thoroughly spent.

This indicates a weakness in the back division, and one fears that several of its members may not make the international grade again. Heaton's goal kicking compensated for defects in other directions. He stationed in full measure for the mistake which gave the Scots their first try.

Guest and Carr on the wing were starved but Parsons, after an uncertain first half of faulty touch, found confidence in the kicking half. Ellis worked hard behind the scrums but lacked variety. Kemp, too, was unimaginative. Altogether, in fact, the England

backs were a solid orthodox lot. What Scotland would have done with even a reasonable supply of the ball could only be conjectured.

Enough was seen of the backs in the first half to prove that, given the opportunity, they were dangerous. But they were devoid of chances to show their attacking skill save in the open.

## SCOTS' DEFENCE GOOD

Their defence, however, was of a high order in face of the situation and England's pressure. None did better than Dorrard, Shaw, and McRae. Roberts was safe without being especially distinguished.

Forwards were overwhelmed. That is the only word for it. The Scots' defence was a fair reflection on a ding-dong game.

## ENGLAND TAKE LEAD

The first picture of the second half was a fine effort by Bruce-Lockhart which, however, was ended when Watkins tackled him brilliantly. Then in five minutes England went into the lead.

Again it was Heaton's skill as a marksman that did the trick. The Lancashire centre took full toll for Dorrard's off-side infringement by placing another perfect goal from a difficult angle.

England were definitely on top after this, but despite a monopoly of the ball from the scrummages they could not get in a clinching attack. It took Scotland a lot of labour to get into the England half.

When they did, aided by a penalty kick, and a knock-on by Parsons, the best he could do, saw a futile drop at goal by Bruce-Lockhart, while Heaton followed suit in England's counter-attack.

All the first half sparkle had died out of the game. It was a case of England having all the ball and knowing not what to do with it and Scotland simply being pinned down to defence. When eventually Carr got a chance he was beautifully tackled by Innes.

When again Bruce-Lockhart, who

Scottish followers, however, had real cause for apprehension when play swung to the other end, for Watkins and Ellis in turn came within an ace of scoring before the Scots heeled out from a five yards scrum, and Dorrard put the ball into touch.

A couple of bursts by Crawford featured Scotland's spirited response, but no threat of trouble came to Parsons until Heaton, who had twice previously knocked on in defence, committed a much more costly fumble in defence.

With Guest following suit, Murdoch slipped in, and after hesitating veered out to the left to outpace Parsons to the line. Thus Scotland led after 15 minutes.

The kick at goal was disallowed for infringement. Heaton nearly made amends a few minutes later when he shot just wide of goal with a long range penalty attempt. Teden knocked on from the drop-out and play returned to midfield, though mostly in the home territory.

Indeed, England were fighting strenuously to get on terms, and they kept the home defence at full stretch. In rapid succession Carr and Watkins were almost over on the left, and only a great tackle by Shaw kept out Heaton, while Kemp dropped wide of goal.

In England's next raid Teden inexplicably cross-kicked when a pass to Guest would have served better. A quiet spell followed, in which the only feature was a kicking duel between the full-backs.

## SHAW'S GRAND TRY

This Roberts won, and it was from the attacking position gained by his effort that the Scots went away to increase their lead in half an hour.

The try was a Shaw masterpiece. From a line-out ten yards inside the English half Bruce-Lockhart put in a short kick. Shaw raced through, picked up in his stride, and made as if to pass to Murdoch, but instead went through to score in superb style.

Murdoch badly "hooked" his shot at goal. England fought back stubbornly, however, and two stupendous penalty goals by Heaton, both from long range and at difficult angles, put the visitors on equality within a space of

## Indoor Bowling

## OPTIMISTS DEFEAT ROLLERS

Playing at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday in a second round match, second stage, of the Ewo League, the "Optimists" beat the "Rollers" by 227 points. Scores:

Optimists				
R. H. Duddridge	158	183	146	487
M. R. Abbas	135	159	127	421
L. D. Skinner	115	144	161	420
S. A. Ismail	122	117	120	359
Total	1,637			
"Rollers"				
S. A. Tremlett	190	132	127	449
C. Guttinger	97	116	125	338
J. Dubois	100	108	129	337
A. A. Hutchison	90	130	116	336



A scene from "You Can't Take It With You," Columbia's best picture of the year, which is coming to the King's Theatre during the Easter holidays. It is said to be even better than "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town."

## LOCAL YACHTING

## Yesterday's Sweepstake Race Won By Jean

The following were the results of the sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday:

Finished	Pos.
Jean (Mrs. V. Gowlan)	1
Artemus (Miss M. Whitman)	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnston)	3
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King)	4
Redshank	D.N.F.
Koala	D.N.F.

had changed places with Shuw, broke away, Scotland's hopes rose, but he delayed his pass to Innes, and the attack fizzled out.

Back came England with their stolid, unimaginative kicking, which, however, served its purpose in keeping play in the home quarters.

That miss proved Scotland's last hope of saving the game. England maintained the offensive to the end, and won back the Calcutta Cup

## NEW GOLF RECORD

## Guldahl Aggregates 279 In Masters' Tourney

Atlanta, Georgia, Apr. 2. With an aggregate of 279, a new course record, Ralph Guldahl won the Masters' Golf Tournament here today. Sam Snead was second with 280, and Lawson Little and Billy Burke tied with 282. Guldahl's rounds were 70, 69, 70 and 69, to total nine under par and better the previous course record of 282.

Gene Sarazen scored a 68, which was six under par, and was the best round of the tournament.—Reuter.

without a try to show for it. Scotland—with the minimum of chances got two.

Was this, then, a lucky England win? It is hard to say. But at least one must conclude it was a tribute to the winners' pick, whose mastery was complete from first to last.

Heaton's goal was the match-winner, but the forwards made the victory certain.

## SPORT ADVTS

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 8th and MONDAY, 10th April, 1939, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11 a.m. each day.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1939.



OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) dissolve—dissonance—distasteful hookah—distaff—kursaal

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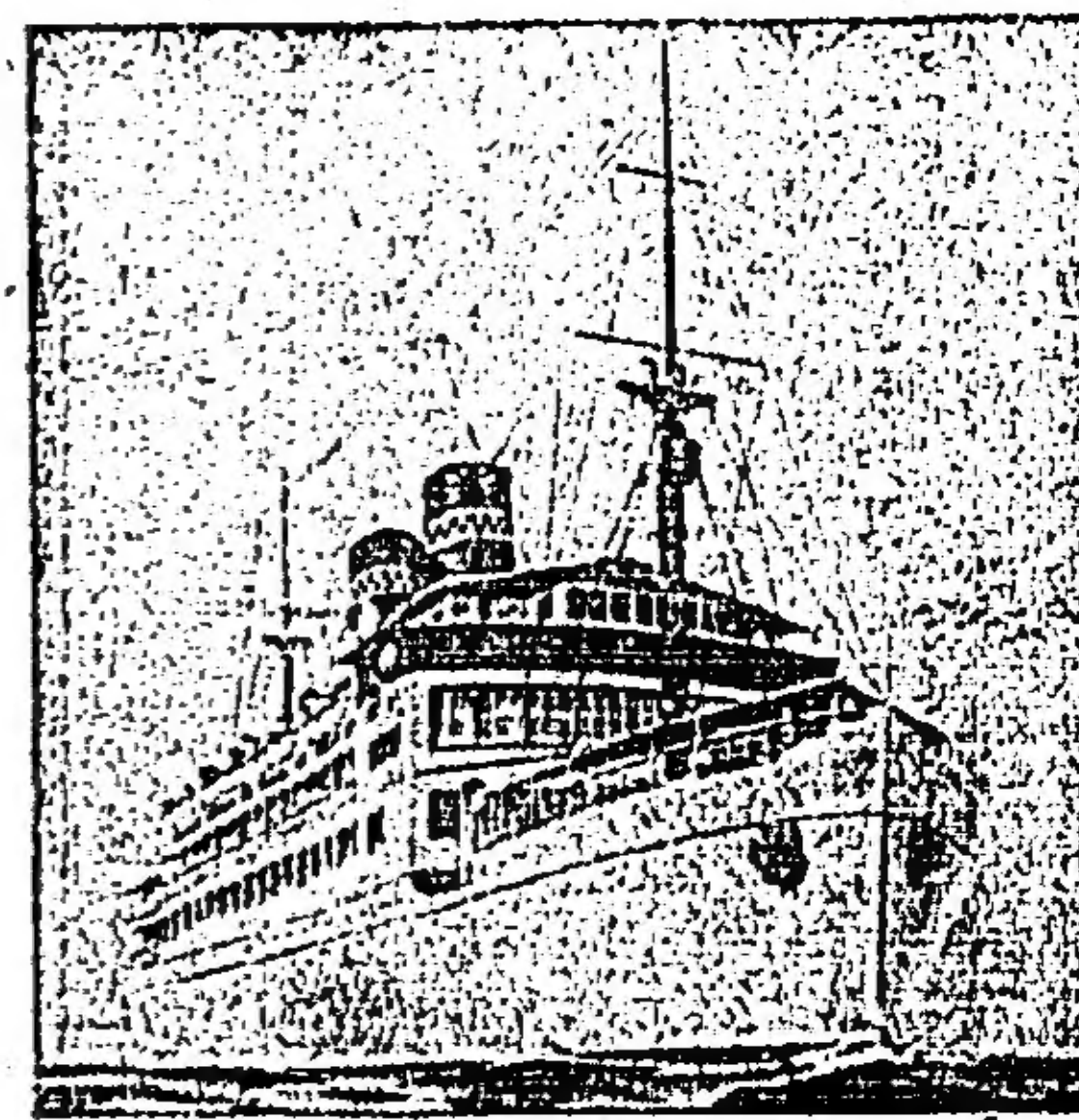
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J'Attendrai	
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Embrasse moi	
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J'aime tes grands yeux	
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Le bonheur est entre dans mon coeur	
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En vie qui va	
DF2304—Du soleil dans ses yeux	Damia.
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It would be a poor compliment to the bride in her lovely gown, to say nothing of her picturesque retinue of bridesmaids, if her bridegroom were not dressed in appropriate manner to fit in with the picture.

Such were the sentiments expressed in a letter from a reader who has found my articles helpful. He is hoping to lead his bride to the altar this spring.

### Correct Outfit

MY correspondent included in his letter some up-to-date notes about the outfit of a well-dressed bridegroom, given to him by his tailor.

Our bridegroom must wear a black morning coat, of course with striped trousers in greys, or black and white (the tones of the grey will get lighter as spring advances); pale grey or buff waistcoat; winged collar and light tie of the broad Ascot type, or a turn-down collar with long points, and an ordinary scarf tie of neat design; black silk socks and black Oxford shoes; black silk top hat.

The morning coat should be single breasted with double breasted lapels and a single button fastening.

### 1939 Fashion Points

TAILS of morning coats are getting longer and waists higher and well-defined, so our bridegroom must be careful to have his morning coat of up-to-date cut.

"If a man hasn't a waist, we've got to make him one," said the Eminent Authority, endorsing the dictum of my bridegroom-to-be's tailor.

Maybe there are some not-so-slim

women who wish their dressmakers could do the same for them!

### Broad Shoulders

SHOULDERS of morning coats are slightly broader, and the button-hole in the left lapel of the coat should be large enough to take the

calyx of a carnation. The buttons on the coat should be bone ones. The coat, as I have said before, should be black, though some bridegrooms have chosen a dark Oxford grey. Waistcoat should be double breasted, but a single breasted one is permissible.

## What the Tailor has to say about

# WELL-DRESSED BRIDEGROOMS



Trousers are very wide, with plenty at the waist. No turn-ups at the hems.

And no upst! Gloves should be of the light chambray type.

The same kind of outfit is, of course, correct for the best man, the ushers, and, indeed, for all the male guests at a wedding.

It is right, too, for occasions like Ascot, when a light-topper can be worn instead of a dark one if preferred.

Also (for Ascot) the entire suit may be made in a pale tone of grey.

### Looking Back

WE women are fond of tracing back our fashions to different period influences. This spring our clothes show several influences, the predominating ones being those of the Victorian and Empire periods.

What more could a well-dressed man wish?

Pay your bride the compliment of acting upon this article

Others have the Napoleon, the Empire and the Directoire touch.

Directoire

So it may not be out of place here to point out that these higher waists and longer tails of men's morning coats show a Directoire trend.

Does this mean that tailors are gradually aiming at getting a greater variety of design in men's formal clothes?

Let us acknowledge that the well-cut 1939 formal clothes for masculine wear are excellent in every way. They emphasize formality without stressing it, give the impression of height, and achieve a waistline where one does not actually exist.



An interesting story in contrasts is told in this picture of Edith Kingdon Gould with her sister, Mrs. Charles Thompson. The hoop skirt is not as generally worn as the straighter line but is nevertheless a favourite with the younger dancers as Mrs. Gould's dress is white while her sister's gown with its intricate shoulder strap arrangement is in several shades of fuchsia.

## What The Films Have Done For Women

By TIM WHELAN, THE WELL KNOWN FILM DIRECTOR

IT is estimated that every week 250,000,000 people visit cinemas throughout the world, and women form the greater part of the audience. It is not surprising, therefore, that in making a film, producers try to get a good angle of feminine appeal, but, though women are in this respect powerful, they in their turn come under the spell of films.

Women are, perhaps, more inclined to self-dramatising than men. Though the habit of mentally giving themselves heroic or sentimental roles to play may not be new amongst women, the film has stirred their imaginations, and even if the young woman who is watching her on the screen is not actually making notes in her mind for her own guidance, she is subconsciously taking in a lesson.

Undoubtedly it is the screen that has dealt one of the severest blows to Mrs. Grundy. It has widened the outlook and increased the knowledge of whole nations, but it has also swept away hide-bound, crabbed, and prudish ideas, stripping away false modesty, and teaching true values.

### Widening Outlook

Those who possessed narrow minds, as a result of their own environment, have had their eyes opened to what the rest of the world thinks and believes, and many evils resulting from narrow-mindedness and "ingrained superstition" are gradually being swept away through the cleansing influence of the cinema.

While some may claim that the example set by the stars causes copying to the point of absurdity, others are equally positive that one of the good things taught by the movies is the virtue of being natural. Aids and affectations which were once considered an essential part of a woman's conduct, have given place to the idea expressed in the words "be yourself."

The cinema has broken down the barriers of false ideas and has made the world a more, honest place for women. At

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Add 2 oz sugar and the juice of half a lemon, and then strain all through muslin and pour into a wetted mould. Serve with cream. B. M.

### SHORT CUTS

To prevent scratching of linoleum or floor, cut pads from an old felt hat and glue these to the bottoms of chair and table legs.

When airing garments outdoors in windy weather use two coat hangers instead of one, reversing them so that the hooks form a circle, and they won't blow off the line.

Lemon juice may be substituted for vinegar in French dressing.



The sunbonnet line makes a hat for cocktails or dinner. It is of black felt with Chantilly lace. The clips are shaded pink enamel with gold metal leaves.

## Mink Coat In Church Collection

A MINK coat, said to have cost £400, had been given to St. Matthew's Church, Worthing, as part of the offertory.

The curate-in-charge, the Rev. Rowland Smith, advertised it for sale at £100.

"If I disclosed the name of the donor," he said, "it would probably not sell. Some women don't like buying other people's clothes if they know to whom they belong."

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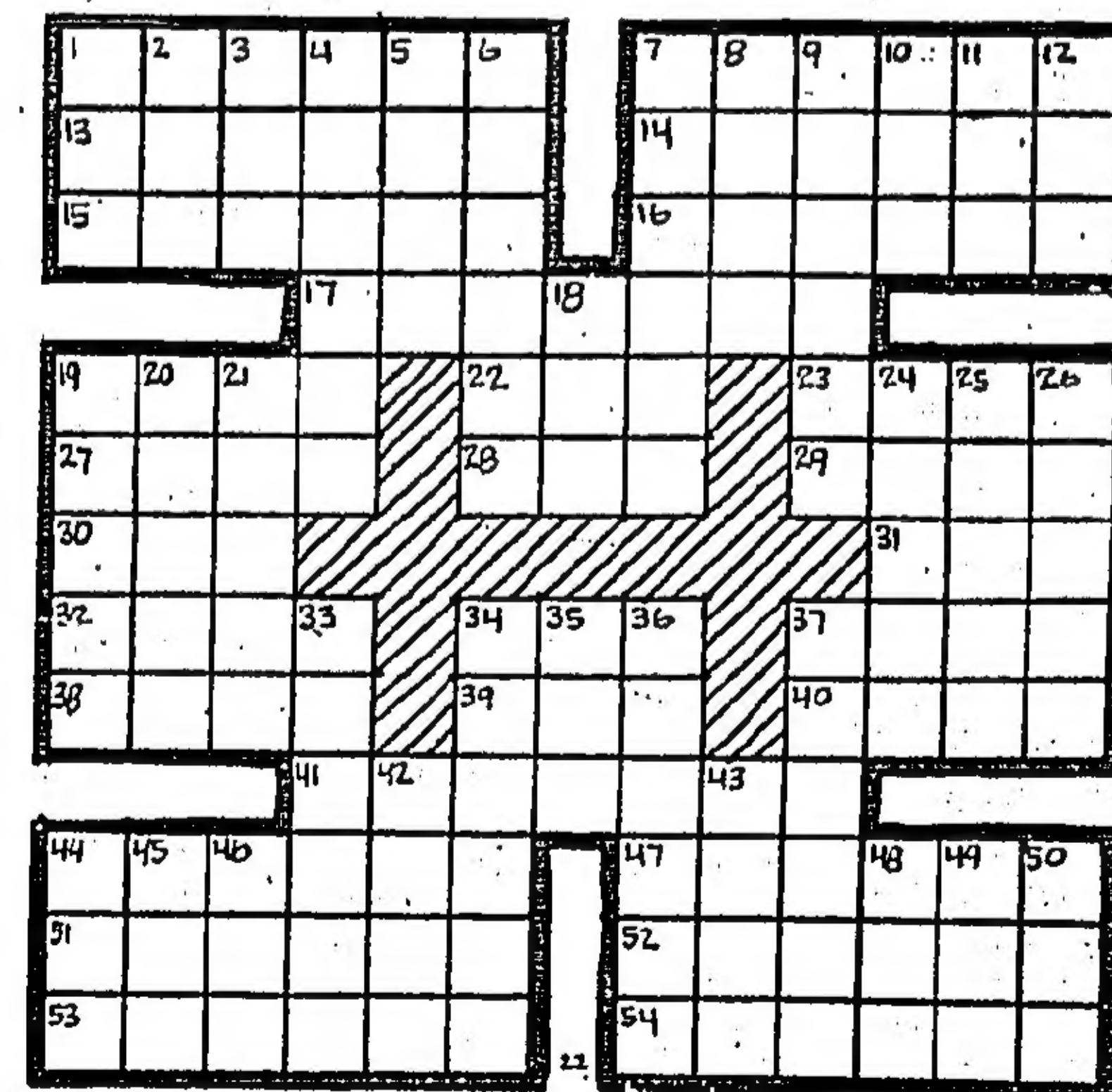
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1-Entertain royal  
7-Attack troops from  
13-Iland surface  
14-Prussia  
15-Swirl  
16-Cleaver  
17-Machine excavating machine  
19-15th of March  
22-Bishop's jurisdiction  
23-African king  
27-Tip  
28-Three i music  
29-Take dinner  
30-Girl's game  
31-Large case  
32-Witty sayings  
34-President Coolidge's nickname  
37-Daisy  
38-Let it stand  
39-Remain  
40-Ancestry  
41-Rum business  
42-Heath shrub  
43-Cathartic  
47-Intestate  
48-Once again  
49-Appalling  
50-Living reeds  
DOWN  
1-Female ruff  
2-Territorial  
3-Wander aimlessly  
4-Among  
5-Distant look  
6-First-born  
7-Vocalist  
8-Large plant  
9-Believed  
10-Emmet  
11-Price of service  
12-Wooder  
13-River in England  
14-Paragraph  
15-Fire of turf  
16-Make happy  
17-Blond's hat  
18-Mare used to  
19-Resale  
20-Purloined  
21-Supporting strips  
22-Atmosphere  
23-Lumber  
24-Hall  
25-March final  
26-Keeds  
27-Exit  
28-Famous race horse  
29-Mule  
30-Deity  
31-Before  
32-Vernition



the same time, through the film producers' direct appeal to the feminine majority in their audiences, woman is being taught her value in the world.

Through the commercial necessity of mainly presenting women in a favourable light, the producers have given women a new pride, and though this may not be so noticeable in such countries as Britain and America, in more backward parts of the world the dawn of this new pride is driving into the shadows for ever the degraded conditions in which women lived.





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# PHOTO NEWS



Questions were recently asked in the British House of Commons about the Empire air routes being utilised for the transport of children who come to school in England from homes in other parts of the Empire.

Almost at the same time Imperial Airways announced that following the success of their experiments last year special arrangements are being made this summer for the benefit of overseas school-children.

Reduced fares, free baggage allowance, special attention to their physical needs both in the air and at night stops, are also encouraging more and more overseas parents to adopt this method of travel, which enables them to bring their children home for the holidays at least once a year instead of, as in the old days, only once in every four years.

Aviation, as the years go by, is playing an ever-increasing part in the lives of the rising generation. The above picture shows a group of 34 youngsters from Marlborough House School, Hawkhurst, Kent, boarding Imperial Airways' Heracles at Croydon for a flight over the city.

Mr. R. A. Harrison, headmaster of the school believes that every pupil who passes through his hands should have an opportunity of experiencing the latest method of transport.



Brigadier J. T. W. Reeve, Commander of the Hongkong Infantry Brigade, photographed at a recent inspection of the Brigade.—Staff Photographer.

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## CITY DEVELOPMENT

New Restaurants Rising In Queen's Road

Some elaborate alterations and additions to the buildings along the Central district of Queen's Road Central will be noticed before very long, as the New Central Market will be ready for business by next month, and two new restaurants will be opening shortly within an area of 100 yards of the market.

The first new restaurant will be the Kum Sing which is occupying the building formerly housing the Ko Shing Tea House.

The old ground and first floors of the old building have been torn down, and modern shop fronts will be installed. A Schindler lift capable of taking 14 passengers is being put in, while the other four stories will also be completely remodelled on similar lines as that of the Ying King Restaurant in Wanchai.

Work is expected to take about six months.

The old M. Y. San Ten house opposite the Central Market, consisting of eight shop fronts, has been completely remodelled, and now houses the Ko Shing Tea House.

The other new restaurant, the building of which is a five storey one now in course of construction, and when erected will be exclusively used as a high class restaurant by the South China Restaurant Company. A Schindler passenger lift will also be installed in this building by Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company.

Other building activities in the Central District include the new 10 storey building to be erected on the site at present occupied by the firm of Tak Cheong, tailors and men's outfitters; and the remodelling of the facade of a two-storey building in Des Voeux Road Central at present occupied by the China Products Company. This is the last two-storey building remaining in that area.

## NEW KOWLOON FLATS

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The building will be of reinforced concrete and the floors and ceilings will be of hollow tiles.

Accommodation consists of living room, dining room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, one lavatory, hall, kitchen and pantry and three servants' rooms.

Contracts for the building have not yet been let, but it is expected that construction will start within a few days.

## PRINCESS KUNI WEDS

Tokyo, Apr. 3.

The wedding of Her Highness, Princess Kuniko Kuni, cousin to H.M. the Empress, and Prince Yoshimoto Niijo, took place in Tokyo yesterday.—Domel.

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## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday says:

With brighter reports from London and New York this market hardened, but business was on a very restricted scale owing to the scarcity of sellers; and buyers will have to advance their prices if they wish to obtain script in any quantity.

Buyers:

H.K. Bank	\$1,375
Union Insurance	\$400
H.K. Docks (Ord)	\$110
H.K. Docks (Pre)	\$110
H.K. Lands	\$235
H.K. Tramways	\$105
China Light (Ord)	\$50
China Light (New)	\$50
H.K. Electric	\$58
Dairy Farms ex rights	\$21½
Entertainments	\$23½
H.K. Govt. 4½ Loan	4½ prem.
H.K. Govt. 5½ Loan	5½ prem.
Dairy Farms Rights	\$15½

Sellers:

H.K. Bank	\$1,400
Providents	\$5
H.K. Electric	\$37
Union Insurance	\$450
H. & S. Hotels	\$525
Chinese Estates	\$172
H.K. Govt. 4½ Loan	4½ prem.
Sin Ferri	\$100
Antimote	\$8. 30½
Atoks	\$4
Banquet	\$24½
Banquet Consolidated	12.30
Coco Grove	39
Consolidated Mines	100
Demerit	14½
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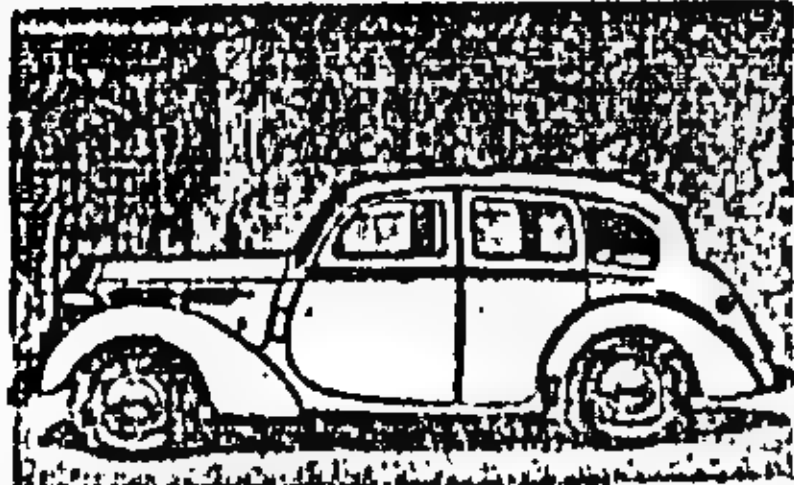
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## Chamberlain Challenges Hitler, Says—

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### New Pledge To Other Countries

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### FEVER OF WAR: EUROPE ARMS

NEWS OF a feverishly arming world is given in many of the cables from various Agencies received by the "Telegraph" to-day. Here are condensed reports of the activities in world capitals, as cabled by "Reuter", "United Press", "Trans-Ocean" and "Domei".

#### ITALY

The keel of a new Italian battleship of 35,000 tons was laid yesterday. It is being built at the ship-building yard of Castellammare di Stabia in the Gulf of Naples.

#### RUSSIA

The Soviet Government is planning to train 100,000 girls to replace men as tractor drivers in the event of an outbreak of war.

British and French army staffs are scheduled to confer with Soviet military authorities regarding the Russian army.

#### AMERICA

Moving to speed up the expansion of the United States fleet, the U.S. Navy Department has called for bids by May 24 among private shipbuilders for the construction of eight new warships.

#### FRANCE

The French Government has intensified the military programme with a decree for a national preliminary training system in order to obtain air force reserves. The Rumanian Minister has proceeded to London. He is reported to be carrying King Carol's decision regarding the military pact.

#### CANADA

CANADA'S current defence estimates are the highest since the great war, totalling \$22,500,000. The air estimate is more than doubled at \$6,000,000. Eighty-three warplanes are to be added to the Royal Canadian Air Force, and new air bases constructed on both the Pacific coast and in the St. Lawrence River zone. The Canadian Navy is to be increased to four destroyers in the Pacific and two in the Atlantic. A million pounds will be spent on improving the naval base at Esquimalt, British Columbia.

#### BRITAIN

Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared in the House of Commons in answer to several questions that the decision to double the strength of the territorial field army in order to provide scope for a practical expression of the spirit of voluntary service now manifest, should be sufficient evidence of the determination of the country to play an active part in the event of an emergency.

England does not intend to abolish the voluntary service system of national defence, declared Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

For that reason, the Prime Minister stated that compulsory registration would be useless as it would interfere with voluntary recruiting the moment it was adopted.

#### BRITAIN-FRANCE

In order to co-ordinate French and British air re-armament, the French Minister for Air, M. Guy Lechambro has gone to London to meet the British Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Questions of military and civil aviation are supposed to form the subject of the conversations. (Continued on Page 4.)

## SWING FROM HITLERISM

# SOVIET TO AID POLES

PARIS, Apr. 4.

THE MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT of "Havas" quoting information available in informed political circles at Moscow, declares that a secret agreement has been concluded between the Soviet Union and Poland regarding measures to be taken in the event of a war.

According to the report, in the event of emergency, the Soviet Union will supply munitions to Poland, while German markets will be closed to Soviet raw materials.

"L'Oeuvre" and "Les Temps" featured the "Havas" dispatch from Moscow. The impression has been strengthened that the Soviet Union, in response to the British guarantee to Poland, has launched a positive policy to assist Poland.—Domei.

#### ACTIVE IN PARIS

PARIS, Apr. 3.

The Soviet Ambassador to Paris called on the French Foreign Minister to-day, while earlier, Sir Eric Phipps the British Ambassador paid a visit to the Quai d'Orsay to discuss matters arising out of the impending Anglo-Polish conversations.

It is understood that the Soviet Ambassador was asked to obtain from his Government the promise of a certain measure of assistance for Poland and Rumania in the event of an attack on these countries. The nature of this assistance was not specified, but it is thought it may take the form of deliveries of food and war materials.—Trans-Ocean.

#### British Pledge To Turkey

ISTANBUL, Apr. 3.

It is reported here that Britain is prepared to make an offer of assistance to Turkey similar to the pledge given to Poland. According to political circles in Ankara, the offer is to be made in the event of an Italian attack upon Turkey.—Trans-Ocean.

#### Italian Troops Missing

Rome, Apr. 3.

Rumours circulating ten days ago, and verbally denied in official circles, that Italian troops were preparing a landing in Albania, were revived to-day, with reports that troops were standing by for an emergency at Bari and Brindisi, and that some 20,000 men were concentrated in the district.

It is gathered in well-informed circles that whatever action Italy took, she would have the entire agreement of King Zog.

The burden of the reports is that Albania would consent to an Italian semi-protectorate.

Coincidentally with the renewed reports, the newspaper "Tevere" prints an article accusing Britain and (Continued on Page 4.)

## ANOTHER BATTALION FOR H. K.

### Latest Trooping Arrangements

THE MIDDLESEX are due to leave Hongkong in the next trooping programme, details of which were released by the military authorities this morning.

The full programme so far as it affects Hongkong and Shanghai, is as follows:

1st Battalion, Highland Light Infantry from Fort George, Scotland, to Shanghai.

2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment from Shanghai to Hongkong.

1st Battalion, South Essex Regiment from Shanghai to Bareilly, India.

1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers from Palestine to Hongkong.

1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, from Hongkong to Malta.

This programme, which will take place at the end of this year and the beginning of next, will be seen to remove one battalion from Shanghai and place one extra battalion at Hongkong.

## LATEST

## Cheaper Rates For Press

Big reductions in cable rates for Hongkong Press telegrams to and from most Empire destinations are announced, to take effect from April 15. A flat rate of 18 cents (H.K.) a word has been fixed.

The exceptions are Palestine, Transjordan, Sudan and Canada.

The 15 cent rate compares with the existing rate of 50 cents from Hongkong to England, Australia and New Zealand.

The introduction of a cheap flat rate for press messages is in conformity with the policy of maintaining intact the system of Imperial communications, and to enable the Empire to have a comprehensive British news service concerning world events.

It follows the introduction a year ago of a flat rate scheme for non-Press cables within the Empire. By that scheme, the former rates were

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Further Late News

## NEW WEATHER RECORD AS MERCURY DROPS

TEMPERATURE records for April were broken between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning, when the mercury at the Royal Observatory fell to 51.7 degrees—the lowest April reading ever recorded in the Colony.

On the Peak, the temperature was 47 degrees.

The sudden cold spell, which followed Sunday's downpour of rain, brought about a remarkable drop in temperature recordings.

At noon on Sunday, the temperature had climbed to 80.6 degrees, so that the drop was no less than 28.9 degrees in 45 hours.

The recording of 51.7 this morning breaks the previous April recording of 51.8, set on April 4, 1905—exactly 34 years ago. It is ten degrees below the minimum recorded in April last year and almost twenty degrees below the normal mean temperature for the month.

Temperature fell rapidly after Sunday's midday thunderstorm. Just before the thunderstorm, the

temperature was 80.6 degrees. In five hours it fell to 69.3 degrees, and has steadily declined since then.

Humidity, which reached 100 per cent on three days last week and averaged 99 per cent for five days, also rapidly declined. Yesterday afternoon it was down by 28 per cent, and at 9 o'clock this morning was 70 per cent—a drop of 20 per cent below last week's average.

Temperature commenced to rise slightly after nine o'clock this morning, but further cold weather is expected.

This is how the mercury has varied since mid-night:  
12 a.m. 54.9 5 a.m. 54.0 8 a.m. 52  
2 a.m. 53.5 6 a.m. 54.2 9 a.m. 51.9  
4 a.m. 54.2 7 a.m. 52.2 10 a.m. 53.5

"A TREMENDOUS DEPARTURE FROM ANYTHING THIS COUNTRY HAS UNDERTAKEN," WAS THE DESCRIPTION APPLIED BY MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, THE PREMIER, TO THE NEW BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY WHICH HE OUTLINED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DURING THE DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS YESTERDAY.

Germany's assurances, said the Premier, had been flung to the winds.

"That is a new fact which has completely destroyed confidence and forced the British Government to make the great departure in its policy towards Europe."

#### IMMEDIATE AID

"If Poland is threatened, I have no doubt the Polish people would resist.

"In that case, the British declaration means that France and ourselves would immediately come to her assistance.

"The whole Empire approves our policy."

The Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, warmly supported the Premier.

#### WORLD DOMINATION

"The contention that Herr Hitler is aiming at world domination is now in dispute," he declared.

"It is clear that the only way of stopping war is to build up an invincible resistance to aggression, and to make it clear to Hitler and his generals, beyond any shadow of doubt, that if he attacks any of his neighbours, he will have to face war on two fronts."

## "We Welcome The Aid Of All Countries"

London, Apr. 3.

MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD initiated the Foreign Affairs debate in the House of Commons.

He declared his belief that when the House rose, it would be clear to the world that in Britain there was a universal declaration of recent events, and the determination of the British people to co-operate with all other nations in establishing a formidable and unsurpassable barrier against aggression.

At the same time he wished it to be clearly understood that Labour had not become "Yes-Men" to the National Government. Labour was concerned more with principles and policies than with persons.

So long as the Government carried out a plan which harmonised with Labour's considered view, it would meet with approval.

#### Premier's Speech

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who was received with loud cheering, said the declaration of Friday last was a tremendous departure from anything this country had undertaken, and it constituted it not a new epoch, a new point in our foreign policy.

"We have departed from our traditional ideas," the Premier exclaimed.

"The declaration is not concerned with a frontier incident."

"If Poland were threatened, I have no doubt the Polish people would resist. In that case, the declaration means that France and ourselves would immediately come to her assistance. (Cheers.)"

"I am not asserting that a German challenge has been made officially, but it is no exaggeration to say that public opinion throughout the world has been profoundly shocked and alarmed."

"This country is united from end to end in the conviction that we must make our position clear and unmistakable, whatever may be the result."

#### Not Man Of War

"I am not more a man of war to-day than I was in September. I have no intention and no desire to treat the great German people otherwise than I would have our own people treated here."

"I was looking forward with strong hopes to the result of the trade discussions, but confidence has been so grievously shaken that it is not easily restored."

"We have been obliged, therefore, to consider the situation afresh. We are now entering into a specific engagement. If this German policy were to be pursued, Poland would not be the only country in danger."

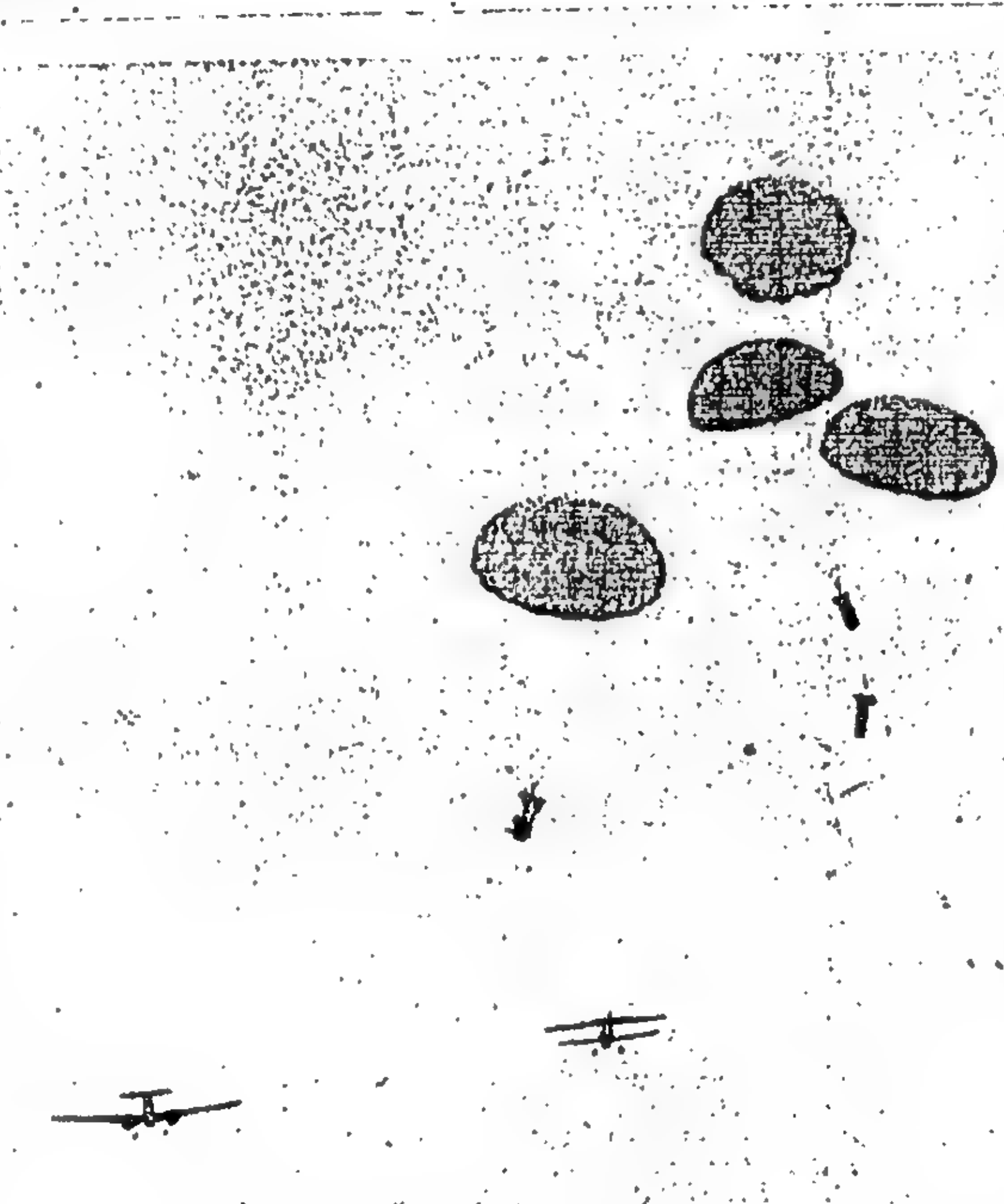
"We welcome the co-operation of any country, whatever its internal system of Government, not in aggression, but in the resistance to aggression."

#### Empire's Approval

"The whole Empire approves our policy. I hope our action which has begun, but is not yet completed, will prove to be the turning point, not towards war, which wins and ends nothing, but towards some wholesome way when reason will take the place of force, and threats will make way for cool, well-matched arguments." (Cheers.)

#### Munich Accord

Referring to last September, Mr. Chamberlain said that it was possible to believe the "assurance which I gave the first intimation on Friday."



GUERRILLAS IN NORTH CHINA are constantly interrupting Japanese lines of communication, necessitating the use of aeroplanes for supplying isolated units with food and ammunition. This graphic photograph shows Japanese planes dropping supplies to marooned troops by parachute.

## Hongkong Will Arm Ships

AS PART of the \$89,000 scheme for the equipping of British merchant ships with gun mountings, the Taikoo and Kowloon docks in Hongkong have been authorised to undertake certain structural alterations to vessels calling at Hongkong.

The appropriation is contained in this year's Naval Estimates, which were published in detail in the "Telegraph" last week.

According to London reports, about 75 per cent. of British merchant shipping is to be equipped with the mountings.

Not only in Hongkong, but at other private dockyards in the Empire, a large number of passenger liners, cargo vessels and oil tankers have already been fitted.

It is emphasised in the London reports that the work has been going on for some time and, indeed, was commenced long before the present international crisis.

The majority of the ships, according to the reports published in London, are being mounted with bases for 4in. guns.

Some vessels—those which will have the vital task of carrying food and raw material in war zones—will have mountings capable of standing up to the strain of guns of heavier calibre than four inches.

It is a well-known fact that this type of work is an established custom with ships of certain other Powers. They are said to carry the guns and ammunition on every trip in their holds, ready to be mounted at a minute's notice.

LONDON, April 3.—Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, former Minister to Mexico, has been appointed British Minister at Budapest in succession to Sir Geoffrey Knox.—Reuter.

## You May Learn!

POETIC gleaming of the week, from "Punch." More appropriate at the moment than when printed three weeks ago. Please be kind to Britain! She isn't very strong. Her Navy's inefficient. Her Army's all gone wrong. Her A.R.P. is useless. Her Air Force far too small. Her people so degenerate, she's no moral at all! She doesn't want to fight you. She's so convinced you'd win! She'll let you take her Empire if it will save her skin! She's old, decayed and senile. And you have strength and youth. So please be kind to Britain. Don't keep abusing Britain. Be nice to poor old Britain—Or you may learn the truth!

## RUMANIAN POSITION

## Britain May Meet Arms Requirements

LONDON, Apr. 3.

IN THE House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said that the British Government was prepared at all times to give sympathetic consideration to the possibility of meeting the armament requirements of Rumania, both in naval, and other spheres.

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked whether reports had been received of the presence of German troops and warplanes in Italy.

Mr. Butler declared that his reports did not confirm such statements.

Replying to a question on Danzig, Mr. Butler said that the question of Danzig would not come up in the discussions with Colonel Beck.—Reuter.

#### Anglo-French Guarantee

PARIS, Apr. 3.—The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, will shortly go to Paris and London, according to diplomatic circles here, which add that the ob-

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# HER PROBLEM—TO SEE SON OR DAUGHTER WED?

## Too Busy Mother Forgot

Mother of 12 children and nurse to her invalid husband, Mrs. Clara Howard, of Ashford, Middlesex, is so tied to the house that she had to choose recently whether she would attend the wedding of either her son or daughter—though both were married at Staines Register Office within an hour of each other.

In her 47 years of life Mrs. Howard has never seen a talkie picture and she cannot remember when she last went to a theatre.

"I should have liked to have attended both weddings," she said, "but I simply could not spare the time from home."

"I can never leave for more than a few minutes, and I chose to be the witness at my son's wedding."

"I have never even seen the parents of my daughter's husband."

### FORGOT TO TELL

Mrs. Howard admitted that she had been such a busy housewife that she forgot to tell her son that his sister was getting married on the same day.

It was only a week ago that brother and sister knew.

The brother said: "If only, my sister and I had known we were getting married the same day, we would have had a double wedding and mother would have attended."

"But because of our big family my sister and I have been strangers in our own home, and very rarely saw each other."

"I cannot remember the last time that I kissed her. It must have been when she was a baby."

### MARRIED AT 17

Women waited six hours outside St. Joseph's Church, Battersea Park-road, S.W., recently to see John Thomas Paul, 55, a week later's apprentice, of Hambury-road, Battersea, who celebrated his 17th birthday the week before, and 16-years-old Charlotte Sprong, of Larkhall-rise, Clapham, S.W., married.

The couple will live in a two-room flat in Wickerley-road, Battersea, which has been furnished by friends and relatives.

## Delegate Starts Early

Cleveland, O. Although the seventh World's Poultry Congress and Exhibition will not open here until summer, one delegate already has started his journey to Cleveland, according to Sidney A. Edwards, managing director of the exposition. The delegate is C. R. Turbot, of the Fiji Islands, who is making the trip here by way of London.

## LONDON A.R.P. CHIEF

MR. HAROLD SCOTT, 51-year-old chairman of the Prison Commissioners, is to give up prison work for a time to become A.R.P. chief of London.

It was announced recently that he had been appointed "co-ordinating officer of London's A.R.P. services."

Mr. Scott will be empowered to approve or reject schemes from local authorities, without reference to any Government department.

## Pianist Cannot Get Hands Insured

Serge Rachmaninoff, the 38-year-old Russian composer and pianist, wants to insure the hands which have made him famous. But no company will give him "cover."

He is now in London, celebrating the 40th anniversary of his first English performance. Recently he said that he still practised the piano for three hours a day.

"I am so tired that I have had to reduce my concerts from about 100 to 70 a year, and I have temporarily given up composing," he said. "I never teach music, because my wife tells me I am a bad teacher."

### —LIKE JAZZ

"I prefer jazz to so-called 'good modern music.' I appreciate Elgar, Arnold Bax, and Sibelius, but the last great composers were Strauss and Debussy."

"Fokine has been experimenting with creating a ballet to some of my music."

The composer admitted that he does not like playing his famous Prelude in C sharp minor, which is known to every amateur pianist. "I wrote five others which I much prefer," he said.

## Berlin's A.R.P. Lead To London

BERLIN. DEEP shelters for Germany will be provided by house-owners, following a Reich Garage Order issued by the Minister of Labour, Herr Seldte. According to this order proprietors of buildings must provide underground garage accommodation sufficient for all vehicles belonging to occupants of the buildings. The garages must conform in construction with the type of shelter required as air-raid shelters. The Reich will thus not have to expend huge sums on shelters in future, and the new order assures that the streets shall not become too crowded through parking.



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. P. N. Barten and Miss Doris Hunt—King's Studio.

## Dinner To Lord Chatfield

More than 50 admirals gave a private dinner, at the United Service Club, Pall Mall, recently to Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield in recognition of his appointment as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence.

The idea of holding this dinner party grew out of a casual conversation among a few of Lord Chatfield's friends and contemporaries in the Navy.

At first a small informal reunion was planned, but so great was the interest among Lord Chatfield's brother officers on the Flag List that an organised gathering was arranged. Eventually it was decided to hold the dinner in the United Service Club, famous meeting-place of the leaders of the Army and Navy.

Adm. Sir Percy Gaint, a member of the club, sent out the invitations. During the dinner a message was read from Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes, who was unavoidably prevented from attending. At the personal request of Lord Chatfield there were no speeches.

## FATHERS-TO-BE

San Francisco. There is just one weak point in the new, most modern 230-bed maternity ward of the city's hospital. That is the self-operating elevator. It simply can't keep up with the demands of nerve-wrought fathers and only too occasionally goes out of commission under the strain.

## The Fall of "Napoleon" Broken By—Big Drum

MANY ghosts will be homeless when the famous old Lyceum Theatre closes down this year to make room for new business premises, and the future of some of the employees is uncertain. Many have "grown up" with the theatre.

"Without musicians and artists," said Mr. Bert E. Hammond, who has been Melville's general manager for nearly 40 years, "we have 138 on the staff."

"Some, of course, are only night-staff and some may be transferred to Princes Theatre."

"We have an elastic date for closing down, and this show ('Queen of Hearts' pantomime) may go on after March."

"By arrangement, we could run another show here until about June. Many of our people have been with us for years. Perhaps you would like to chat with them."

### SHOW WENT ON

Mr. Jack Waters, the chief electrician, in his workshop, said:

"I have been at the Lyceum for 27 years. I was walking into this very shop when a bomb dropped here during the war."

"The theatre was damaged and, nearby, many people were killed."

"I was thrown across this shop."

"A show was on but there was no panic, and we carried on until the firemen came and stopped us, telling us that the pit bar was full of gas from a broken main in the street."

### BIGGEST SHOW

Mr. Joe Glynn (property master): "I came here in 1915. My proudest possession is a collection of between three and four hundred tambourines, in which is the signature of every famous artist who has appeared at the Lyceum during nearly 30 years."

"There are thousands of signatures, and I have a special room for the tambourines."

"The biggest show we ever did here was 'The Miracle.' I also remember Maud Allan, and, of course, Sir John Martin Harvey in 'The Only Way.'"

"Once, when Frank Lester was sitting on a horse as Napoleon in 'A Royal Divorce,' the front man in the tableau held his rifle too low and the wand struck the horse, which threw Lester into the orchestra."

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"When George Robey gave a stage party here, he invited me and other cleaners."

"I am responsible for the circle, and the number of spectacles and opera glasses people leave behind—"

Wally Mark (The Cat in "Queen of Hearts"): "I first came here in 1911 and for 20 years I have been doing animals at the Lyceum."

"Uncle Fred Melville was the first man to put me in a skin—a cat's—and I still keep that skin as a treasure."

### EVEN A FLY

"I have been a cat, a dog, a monkey, an ape, a bear, the front and back of an elephant, and even a fly on the shadowgraph."

"I am 4ft. 5in., and I lose a stone every pants through jumping about in a hot skin."

Mrs. Polly Bevington (has dressed the girl or boy for every pantomime at the Lyceum): "I have been here longer than anyone on the stage staff—33 years."

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(Do Not Cry.) (Sung in German.)  
R 20380. La Boheme. Act. 1. "Che gelida manina" (Your Tiny Hand)  
(Puccini.)  
Martha. Act. 3. "Ach so fromm" (Like A Dream.)  
(Flotow.) .....Jan Klepura, (Sung in German.)  
R 20209. Turandot. ("Non Plangere Liu") (Puccini.) .....Jan Klepura.  
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## Explosives Charge Document Read

H.M.S. PRESIDENT, the R.N.V.R. training ship moored in the Thames at Blackfriars, was mentioned in a document read at Bow-street recently, when 18 men were again charged with conspiring together and with other persons in Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff and elsewhere, to cause explosions.

The defendants are: Peter Sturt, 25; Michael Preston, 23; George Brendon Kane, 23; Charles James Casey, 23; Daniel Fitzpatrick, 21; John Healy, 40; Michael O'Shea, 24; Gerald Francis Whitton, 36; John Mitchell, 24; James Michael Lyons, 26; Jack Logue, 17; Francis James Burns, 17; Charles McCarthy, 63; and his sons, Thomas McCarthy, 20, and Daniel McCarthy, 19; John Ryan, 31; Joseph Walker, 25; and Michael Joseph Mason, 20.

Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting, said that a document headed "I.O.B. Company" contained the following: "A few things may be of interest to you. H.M.S. President has 3,000 rifles and equipment for 3,000 men. It is looked after by 12 men when not in use for training."

Counsel spoke of a letter headed "C.I.C. Britain" which said that intelligence officers must gather information covering Army, Navy, Air Force, and anti-gas formations and aircraft factories.

**REFERENCE TO EXPLOSIONS**  
Det. Insp. Burnes produced a number of documents, one of them headed "S Plan," being made up of 15 pages of close type. There were written details about the method of causing explosions at the North Metropolitan Power Co., Enfield, and at Dagenham Pier. A document headed "Manual of Instructions" had a section giving details of the British grid system. Lotts-road, power station, Chelsea, and the Southern Railway supplies of electricity.

He produced a pencil drawing of the magazine and guard room in Hyde Park. "It describes the sergeants' habits, among other things," remarked Mr. McClure, amid laughter, in which some of the prisoners joined.

The 18 men were remanded for a week, only Charles McCarthy being granted bail.

Mr. McClure indicated that unless something unforeseen happened he would be able to conclude the case for the prosecution in three or four days.

### GIRL IN CUSTODY

Molly Gallagher, 18, charged with having explosive substances in her possession or under her control, was further remanded in custody for seven days.

James McCafferty and Daniel McCafferty, charged with having possession of an alarm clock, fitted for timing an explosion, were remanded in custody for a week.

A similar course was adopted with James Patrick Connolly and Francis McGowan, charged with having an explosive substance in their possession or under their control.



### Parrot Is Bi-Lingual

Arcadia, Fla.  
One of Arcadia's accomplished linguists is Tommy, Mrs. W. J. Nolan's 14-month-old parrot. The bird, which was raised by an American teacher on the Isle of Pines, south of Cuba, uses either Spanish or English.

## Parson Leaves £2 A Week To Sisters

TWO sisters have each been left £300 and £2 a week by a bachelor parson, the Rev. Charles Newton Sergeant.

They are his adopted children, Ann and Emma Thistleton. They had helped him in his church work up to the time of his retirement three years ago. One of them drove him round the parish in his car.

Then they went with him to Old Colwyn, North Wales. Five months ago Mr. Sergeant died aged seventy. The sisters—

they are about thirty—benefit in his £23,000 will, published recently.

Edith Lola Lily Vickers, nine-year-old schoolgirl, who stayed with the family, gets £100 and £1 a week "in trust for her maintenance, education and benefit."

A former housekeeper, Helen Latham, receives £1 a week. So does Mr. Frederick M. Sergeant, a brother.

## Crisis News 5 Months After

Natives of Tristan da Cunha, that lonely island in the middle of the Atlantic, had their first real news of the Crisis and Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Munich when the latter Viceroy of India called there recently. Although they were presented some time ago with a wireless set, to keep in touch with outside events, it broke down and they were unable to repair it.

Sir Patrick Hannon, who organised the first relief ship for them 30 years ago when they were at starvation point, has just returned to England after his first personal visit to the island.

"We had good luck with the weather as it was a beautiful day; it is only once in months that it is at all possible to land on the island," he said. "We had fun as it was, transferring from the ship's motor launches to their little canvas boats in mid-Atlantic."

### SURPRISE VISIT

"Our visit was a surprise, as they did not know the Viceroy was calling. A ship anchored off the island some months ago but was unable to land anyone, so they had no real news of the world till we came."

"With the exception of the chaplain's wife, the ladies of our party were the first women to land since the natives originally settled there. They were all drawn up in their best clothes to meet us. We inspected their church, school and little hospital—which is very seldom used, as they are the healthiest people under the sun, in spite of the primitive conditions under which they live. They also have a troop of Boy Scouts."

"Many of the older people are still illiterate, but the youngsters are bright and intelligent."

### DO NOT LIKE CHARITY

"We landed 14 tons of supplies—food, clothes, toys, equipment for school and village hall, and medicines. They are proud and do not like charity, but their economic future is difficult as the population has increased from 70 thirty years ago to more than 200."

"They were tremendously pleased with the photograph we took of the King and Queen and the Prime Minister, and the personal message from Mr. Chamberlain."

"The captain of the Viceroy sent an engineer ashore to mend their wireless set, so they will not be so cut off now."

Sir Patrick Hannon has been M. P. for the Moseley division of Birmingham since 1921.

## Choral Speaking Revived

Cleveland, O.

Choral speaking has been revived at East high school here. The pupils in this distinctive class speak verse in groups to realize the full enjoyment of the poetry and at the same time, to improve their speech.

## Coming to the KING'S

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## Canadians And Royal Visit

Ottawa.  
Reports from all over Canada indicate the extraordinary interest that is being taken in the tour of the King and Queen in May.

There is every indication from hotels, travel agents, estate agents and tourist camp proprietors that hundreds of thousands of Canadians will journey vast distances to catch a glimpse of their Majesties.

Already most of the hotels in Ottawa, for instance, have booked all their accommodation. Plans are being formed to make parks and tourist camps, where trailer parties and those unable to find rooms in town can be taken care of.

Upon every point along the 8,000-mile route to be travelled by the King and Queen people of the Dominion will converge from farm, factory, lumber camp, fishing village, gold mine and coal mine, from ranch and trap line. From north and south, from near and far, they will flock to pay homage to their King and Queen.

### WINNIPEG'S WELCOME

It will be a mass movement unequalled in British Royal history. A whole nation will be en fete, prepared to do full justice to the honour conferred upon it.

Present indications are that 250,000 people will come to Ottawa during the four days their Majesties will be here—May 17-20.

Winnipeg, which expects 200,000 visitors, has organised a Royal Welcome Week, with a committee of citizens representing all walks of life to handle arrangements. Their first task will be to assign stations along the procession route for pupils of the city's 50 publicly supported schools and academies.

Calgary expects 150,000 from the plains and foothills and from all settlements and ranch towns.

Vancouver will house 200,000 people, many of whom will be Americans from the Pacific Coast cities. Many Americans have applied to rent furnished houses.

### MEDALS FOR ESKIMOS

Halifax and other places in Nova Scotia expect 300,000 visitors, while from Montreal and Quebec come indications that French-Canadians for miles around those cities will move en masse into them to be present at their Majesties' visit.

Eskimo children in Canada's Far North will not be forgotten when souvenir medallions are distributed to commemorate the Royal tour. The Government has already instructed the Royal Mint at Ottawa to strike off 2,250,000 medallions for the school children of the Dominion.

The medals for the Eskimo children, possibly 500 in number, will be taken aboard the Hudson's Bay Company's mail steamer Nascopie when she leaves Halifax for her annual tour of the Eastern Arctic early in July.

## Love's Labour Lost

SAN RAFAEL, Cal.

After waiting 10 years to be able to send to Switzerland for his fiancée to come here and marry him, it only took Robert Steingruber three days to become disillusioned. They separated at the end of that time and he filed suit for divorce.

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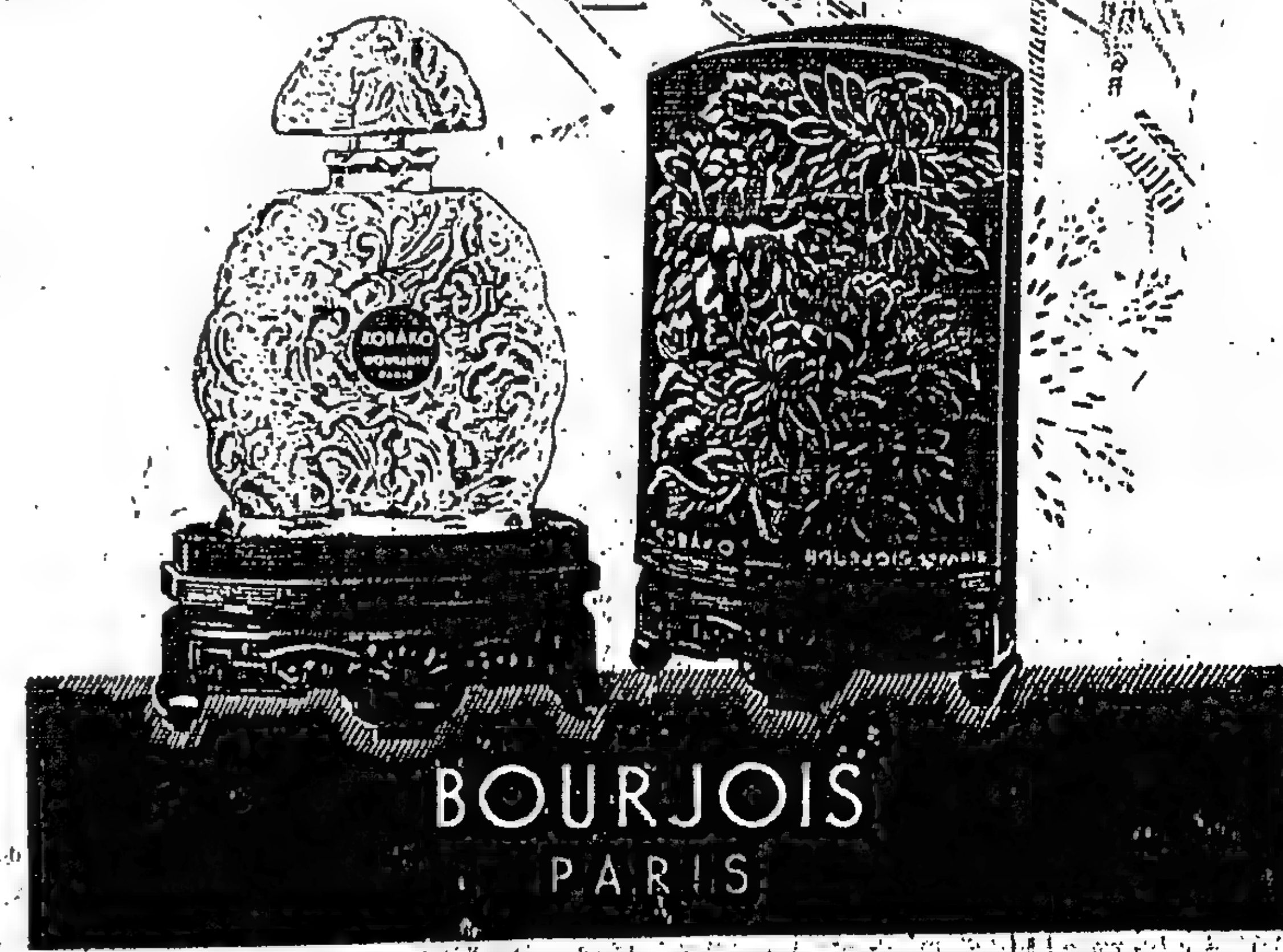
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Hongkong, 4th April, 1939.

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30 d/s. India	13 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.68 1/2

## Italy's Budget Cost Leaps

Rome, Apr. 3.  
ITALIAN ESTIMATES for the fiscal year of 1939-40 were submitted to the Chamber today.

They provide for a total expenditure of 2,773,000,000 lire, representing an increase on the previous year of 700,000,000 lire.—Trans-Ocean.

In sterling the estimates for the current fiscal year amount to about £31,000,000, and are about £8,000,000 in excess of last year.

## NEW GOLF RECORD

Atlanta, Georgia, Apr. 2.  
With an aggregate of 279, a new course record, Ralph Guldahl won the Masters' Golf Tournament here today. Sam Snead was second with 280, and Lawson Little and Billy Burke tied with 282. Guldahl's rounds were 70, 68, 70 and 69, to total nine under par and better the previous course record of 292.

Gene Sarazen scored a 90, which was six under par, and was the best round of the tournament.—Reuter.

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The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

### DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.

General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Friday, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Between Kowloon Island Lot No. 4132 and Lot No. 2835 & 2404, Ma Tau Chung Road, Ma Tau Chung.	As per sale plan.	As per sale plan.	About 9,660	\$110	\$7,235

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4133, Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Ma Tau Chung Road, Ma Tau Chung.	As per sale plan.	As per sale plan.	About 4,000	\$46	\$3,023

### THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1939, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
M. Y. TANG,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

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#### Examination for Local Clerks

Applicants are informed that those selected to attend the examination on 11th April will be notified separately.

No further applications can be considered.

## C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4134, Opposite Kowloon Island Lot No. 3475, Basford Road, Tai Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan.	As per sale plan.	About 7,220	\$132	\$11,450

## Japan Starts New Air Service

TOKYO.—Apr. 4.—Carrying five passengers, the Douglas airliner of the Japan Aviation Corporation hopped off from Yokohama at 6 o'clock this morning for Sapporo to inaugurate a regular air service between the main island of Japan and the South Seas.

Negotiating a maiden route of 1,400 nautical miles extending over the Pacific Ocean, in about 8 hours, the first airliner on the Japan-South Seas service will arrive in Sapporo Island at 2 o'clock this afternoon.—Domet.

## C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	Kowloon Island Lot No. 1136, Junction of Pak Tai St. & Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Kok.	As per sale plan.	As per sale plan.	About 8,430	\$96	\$6,323

## PRISON FOR RIOTERS

WARSAW, Apr. 3.—Sentences ranging from a few days imprisonment up to four and a half years' penal servitude were passed by the Polish court in Cloczow, Eastern Galicia to-day on 55 Ukrainians for having taken part last autumn in an Ukrainian demonstration at Kramno.—Trans-Ocean.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 3.—The Mackay Radio Corporation and the Pan-American Airways, as well as ships at sea, have still not reported any trace of Mr. Richard Hildburgh, the "Sea Dragon" The President Coolidge passed close to the United Press.

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### FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: Mr. Neville Chamberlain reaffirms the British determination to defend Poland. It is reported that Signor Mussolini has been invited to mediate between Britain and Germany. Britain is considering filling the armaments needs of Rumania.

All parties agree that the London market is firm. Our own market acted better to-day, but evidence of an upturn is still inconclusive. Steel mill operations are down 1.2 per cent. The United States Steel Corp's first-quarter output averaged 52 per cent. of capacity. A Congressional Committee finds the Tennessee Valley Authority's rates an honest yard-stick.

Distilling companies are concerned regarding the prospects of additional liquor taxes pending in fifteen States.

RUBBER: The market here was only steady, in spite of the firmness in London and Singapore.

GRAINS: Farmers' compliance with the Government's agricultural programme is indicated as much larger than in 1938.

COTTON: The Senate has adopted the Bankhead Bill, permitting farmers to re-possess 3,000,000 bales of cotton on payment of 5 cents per pound and a pledge to curtail acreage. Quick action by the House of Representatives is indicated.

LONDON AVERAGES:	MARCH 31	APRIL 3
Industrial Average	95.9	97.8
Rolls Average	53.0	55.1

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

## SOVIET TO AID POLES

(Continued from Page 1.)

France of trying to "put thorns into Italy's side." The first two are Greece and Albania. Britain and France tried to turn both countries against Italy. The third thorn is Yugoslavia, "but thanks to Mussolini, peace has reigned for years in the Adriatic," adds the paper.—Reuter.

### Hitler Returns

Berlin, Apr. 3.—According to present arrangements, Herr Hitler will spend 12 hours in Berlin on his return to-morrow from a cruise, and will then go to Berchtesgaden to stay there until shortly before his birthday on April 20.—Reuter Special.

### Rumanian Guarantees

Berlin, Apr. 3.—The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Ghenescu is expected to appear in Berlin towards the end of April, according to reliable statements made here.

What the prospective subjects for discussion will be cannot be ascertained.

However, diplomatic circles declare that the Rumanian Minister, who intends to visit Ankara, Paris, and London, will probably first go to Berlin, and then to Ankara.

The Slovak Prime Minister, Dr. Tiso and his Foreign Minister, Dr. Durensky, will arrive in Berlin on Wednesday. It is believed that questions arising out of the German-Slovak treaty of protection will be the main themes of the discussion.

### Greeks and Yugo-Slavs

Paris, Apr. 4.—Authoritative quarters here are confident that France, Britain, Poland and Rumania will be linked in an automatic system of mutual assistance in the event of Hitler moving. It is learnt from very reliable sources that Britain and France will now endeavour to include Greece and Yugo-Slavia in the anti-aggression bloc.—United Press.

### Ambassadors for Berlin

PARIS, Apr. 3.—It is understood that France and Great Britain are both considering the advisability of ordering their respective ambassadors to Berlin for the purpose of coordinating and amplifying routine Embassy reports regarding the crises.—United Press.

### A.B. DIES IN HOSPITAL

The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Naval Hospital of Able-Seyman Cyril Herbert Boxall, at the age of 23. He was attached to R.N.M.S. Birmingham.

The funeral will leave the Naval Hospital at 4 o'clock this afternoon, for the Colonial Cemetery.

## FEVER OF WAR: EUROPE ARMS

(Continued from Page 1.)

In order to overcome the present shortage of aeroplane engines, and to supplement the insufficient French production of machines, France wishes to increase the use of British engines in the French air force, and offers in return to employ the French industry for the production of aeroplane bodies for the British air forces.

This division of labour may be accompanied by an exchange of raw materials between the aircraft industries of the two countries. M. Luchembre, made a forced landing at an aerodrome near Woking. Nobody was injured.

### Britain

## Seven Irish Terrorists Sentenced

London, Apr. 3.—Seven men were found guilty at the Old Bailey to-day on charges of conspiracy to cause explosion and of possessing explosives or firearms. They were among 22 men and a girl committed for trial by the Bow Street court on March 9.

The heaviest sentence of 10 years' penal servitude was passed on a 35-year-old Irish terrorist named Wharton, whom the judge said was a member of a gang which committed murders of British officers and others up to 1922, had fought against two different Governments in Ireland, and was a "hypercrite."

Three others, all young men, were sentenced to eight, five and four years' penal servitude respectively. The youngest was only 19 years of age.

Two youths were sentenced to the Borstal Institution for three years, and one other man to 18 months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

## Keep Fit Movement

Members who attend the Keep Fit classes in Kowloon will be interested to hear that in future the Friday classes will be held in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road. This will enable members to have a swim in the baths after their exercises, and should prove a tremendous attraction.

The other classes will be held as usual, at the Helena May Institute on Mondays at 11 a.m., at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m., at the Helena May Institute on Thursdays at 10.30 a.m., and the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Fridays at 10.30 a.m.



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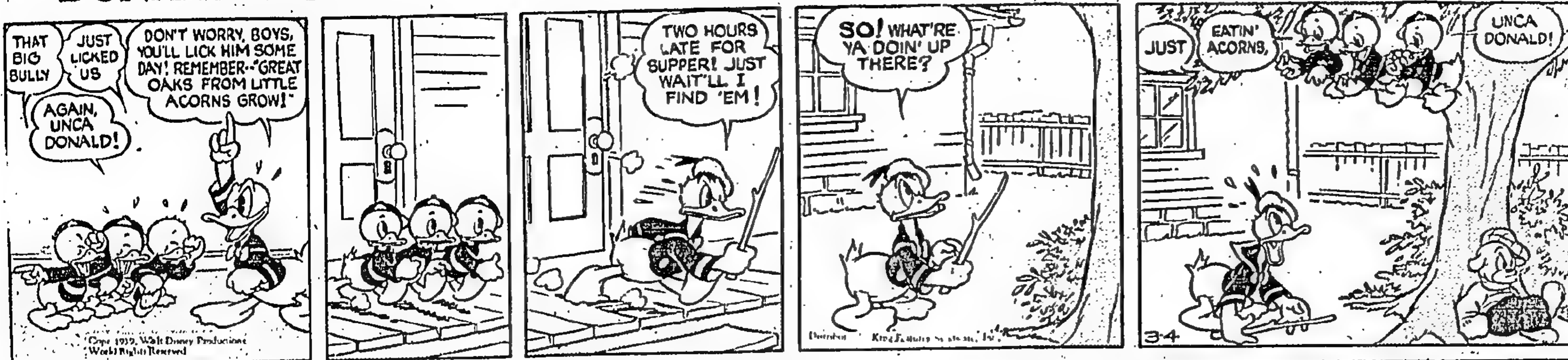
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## Paris Magazines Grotesque Libel On Hongkong And Our People

"Hongkong—where they laugh, trade, steal and kill, and where the prisons are full up."

This is the heading for an extraordinary article on Hongkong, published recently in the Paris magazine "Hebdo."

The article is signed by Howard Bruce. It alleges that Hongkong has 3,000 hotels, and the only people who have a steady trade are the policemen and the Station-Master!

"Hongkong lives and moves with the jitters from sun-rise to sun-set and from sun-set to sun-rise," Howard claims. Most Hongkong people, he claims, gets their money without much work.

On an average there are between 2,000 and 3,000 arrests every week, but "never anyone arrested is able to do his term in prison because for the last five years the prisons have been full up."

"Of ten people you meet in the street at least one third are escaped prisoners."

"The most popular sport in Hongkong is stealing."

Below we give a translation of the article in full:

"One Chinese City (Chinese name) is the Chinese Empire. In name only because it is a British Possession) centralises at the moment the activity of

"Until recently Shanghai was more important than Hongkong, but since a few months the British port of the 'Rising Sun' has become the great city of the Yellow Continent."

"Hongkong is a yellow Chicago with an addition of a small New York."

"Leprous Walls"

"The Old City with its leprous walls is built on the hillside beside the fishing port."

"The modern city is spread around the commercial harbour, Hongkong has three thousand hotels, three hundred and fifty thousand Europeans, one million Asiatics and from twenty thousand to thirty thousand Americans and Australians."

"In Hongkong, people live exclusively by trade, and on that account there is not an empty hour in that city of wonders."

"A complete anarchy exists in the organisation of trade."

"One can almost say that there are only two kinds of citizens in Hongkong who have a steady occupation. The Policeman and the Station Master."

"The modern city which is around the central square is built of blocks of buildings looking night and day like an ant-hill."

"In this fashion Hongkong lives and moves with the jitters from sun-rise to sun-set and from sun-set to sun-rise."

"At the 'Montmartre' or at the 'Montparnasse' or at the 'Gay Paris', the same crowd rushes and after having walked all day long on the promenades, the shop windows of which are equal to those of Paris and New York, the people still find time to go and dance in the godowns or basements of the cabarets. Most people get their money without much work. Hongkong had to become, therefore, one of the most colourful spots on the earth."

"All Criminals"

"On an average there are between 2,000 to 3,000 arrests every week in Hongkong, but never anyone arrested is able to do his term in prison because for the last five years the prisons of Hongkong have been full up."

"There has been no more room since 1933 and therefore on these with sentences of at least 4 years are put in prison."

"The others condemned are sent to Singapore."

"As a matter of fact they all escape, so that of 10 people you meet in the street at least one-third are escaped prisoners."

"Most Popular Sport"

"Gambling is almost as universal in Hongkong as in Macao, that hell city which is a shame on humanity."

"There are between 4 and 5 murders per day in Hongkong but only 2 or 3 criminals are arrested every week. In other words people have to protect themselves."

"There are never any crimes committed against rich foreigners. The Hongkong Chinese is very respectful of the rich foreigners. He steals his money, sure, but never dares to touch him, but quite easily he murders his brother who has stolen more than him."

## NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION—How many new merchant ships were launched in 1938?

ANSWER—1,119 vessels with a tonnage of 3,033,593, the highest world total for 17 years. The figures were issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Q—What proportion of the world launchings was made from British berths?

A—34 per cent. of the total, or 1,030,375 tons. The percentage compares unfavourably with the 1930 figures, when Britain launched more than half the world's new merchant vessels.

Q—What was the biggest vessel launched in the year?

A—The new liner Queen Elizabeth, 85,000 tons. She is the largest ship in the world. (The Normandie is 83,000 tons and the Queen Mary 81,000 tons.)

Q—Which country ranked second in the building of new ships?

A—Germany with a total of 489,797 tons. The largest German ship launched in the year was the liner Robert Ley, 22,000 tons.

Q—Where does Hongkong rank?

A—Ninth.

"The most popular sport in Hongkong is stealing. People steal a little everywhere."

"One can easily imagine that Hongkong is heaven to thieves when one realises that the judges have only just got time to pass sentence on murderers, for whom there is not even room in the prisons."

"There is no instance for the past 5 years where a man who wears his watch and chain on his waistcoat has not had his pocket picked at least once."

"There are 3 big hotels in Hongkong, the Metropole being the most popular, though the other 2 have also a high class clientele, but there are 2,007 other hotels."

"These are the 'free' hotels which the police control from time to time only."

"In fact the police never control them as they are too busy trying to arrest murderers."

"The 3 main hotels have rooms with safes and their clients are instructed to put everything they have in these safes."

"No insurance companies insure against theft and burglary in Hongkong. Their risk ceases on arrival of the steamer in port."

"In every room of the hotels there are notices 'Beware of Pickpockets' which also give recommendations against thefts which are daily occurrences in Hongkong."

70 Per Cent. Thieves

"Hongkong is the most dishonest town in the world."

"The head of the police in Hongkong is Mr. E. L. G. (the name mentioned in the article is unknown to us—Ed.) who told me 'There are in Hongkong only 10 per cent. to 12 per cent. of honest people. 70 per cent. are thieves, swindlers or kleptomaniacs, the rest comprises a mixture of doubtful habits. Most important criminals are punished.'"

"The Governor of the town, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, is of the same opinion."

"In his opinion it will take perhaps 50 years to give Hongkong the mentality of an average city."

"Meaning Hongkong lives, ships, laughs and steals. This Eden of Gangsters is easily the most extraordinary city in the Far East."

"The city where the buildings are next to the rickshaws, the city where the lowest class of pickpockets are received in the best drawing rooms, the city where people meet the most lowdown individuals."

"Hongkong lives on traffic of arms, drugs and pleasure. Ten per cent. of the honest people of that city are a consequence only the more important criminals are punished."

"Cabarets are full up and keepers. One must cable at least one day ahead to make reservation for rooms. Shops are full of customers. Tea-houses, coffee-houses, clubs, motorbuses, airlines (of which there are 2) are swarmed with nervous people. Hongkong lives 100 minutes per hour."

4 Murders A Day

"There are between 4 and 5 murders per day in Hongkong but only 2 or 3 criminals are arrested every week. In other words people have to protect themselves."

"There are never any crimes committed against rich foreigners. The Hongkong Chinese is very respectful of the rich foreigners. He steals his money, sure, but never dares to touch him, but quite easily he murders his brother who has stolen more than him."

## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

## 50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1889.

The vague rumour was hinted at the other day as being in circulation in the capital of the Two Kwangs to the effect that a concession had been granted by the Viceroy for the construction of a railway between Kowloon and Canton.

It is significant of a great commercial movement shortly to be started at our gates, that can scarcely fail to make wonderful changes and prove mutually advantageous to China and this Colony.

From a small nucleus, with its centre in populous Canton and its eighty-mile circumference of woeful around, with Kowloon and the "Mikita and Gibraltar of the Far East" on its tangent, a gigantic network of railway communication might be started in China, and the whole Empire opened up to trade, civilisation and progress.

We are not in a position to say what steps have already been taken to bring this long talked of Kowloon-Canton railway to a practical bearing, but doubt not that it is the outcome of native enterprise, emanating directly from this colony.

We may wish to a very short time expect to see the Kowloon-Canton iron-horse snorting, and shaking its steam in the fertile plains extending from our trans-marine town to the City of Rams.

Of all the vast undertakings we have yet seen started in Hongkong the Kowloon-Canton railway stands far ahead of all others.

The incipient village of Kowloon with its extensive tracts of level ground, its broad roads and reputed healthiness, will rise giant-like and be in the course of a few years an important township, and that the port and business of Hongkong will increase far beyond what was ever deemed possible does not require much gift of prophecy to foresee.

There is, perhaps, not a city in Europe where more drink is consumed than in St. Petersburg. The population is considerably short of a million, yet they drink every day 10,000 bottles of wine, 1,000,000 pints of ale, and 1,600,000 glasses of a vile apirituous liquor known in the country by the name of vodka.

The following information about the Jews may interest some of our readers:

Ireland only 1,000. In France there are 70,000 Jews, of whom 40,000 are in Paris. In the British colonies there are about 20,000 Jews.

The total number of Jews throughout the world is between eight and ten millions. Jews are found in large numbers along the northern coasts of Africa, as well as in Abyssinia. In America there are 500,000 Jews, and Jews are dwelling in Mexico and in almost every State of America.

There are supposed to be from 40,000 to 50,000 Jews in Persia, 10,000 to 15,000 in the Khannates and a like number in India. About forty thousand Jews are scattered under the annexation of the provinces of the German Empire, among whom 50,000 inhabitants, 600,000 belong to this remarkable race. In the United Kingdom there are about one hundred thousand Jews, of whom sixteenth are in London, the greater part of the remainder being in Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Birmingham.

25 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1914.

It is understood that the King has requested Sir John Anderson, the Permanent Under-Secretary of the Colonies, to draw up the preliminary plans for the tour of the Dominions, which is to be made by the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert.

It is expected that the year will be allotted for the tour, which is to begin in the autumn of 1915. Australia will be visited first, and then New Zealand and Canada. The trip will also probably take in the United States. (The tour was cancelled owing to the great war—Ed.)

It is stated that after the estimates for the fund to be applied to the study of aeroplanes and automobiles are passed by the Japanese Diet, the War Department will inaugurate the construction of 15 aeroplanes at Tokyo.

The number of aviation officers will be increased to 14, double the number at present existing.

10 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1929.

A sensation has been caused in Kovno, Lithuania, as a consequence of a raid by the police on a newspaper office where a secret meeting of the Social-Democratic party leaders was being held, over one hundred being taken into custody.

H.R.H. Prince George to-day began his new duties at the Foreign Office.

5 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1934.

France's recent warning to Britain that the Hitler Government would soon be turning its attention to naval rearmament has been quickly justified.

Many rumours have been published abroad regarding the nature and extent of Germany's likely demands but no official indication is forthcoming.

Germany expects to participate in next year's naval conference with a view to procuring some revision of the Treaty of Versailles and to obtain greater naval security, according to to-day's Berlin newspapers, which however, published denials of the report published abroad that Germany had drawn up a five-year building programme.

The newspapers emphasise that it would take several years to build up a large fleet and that Germany has not the money for such luxury.

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1.00 Time and Weather. 1.03 Grete Keller.

The Laugh was on Me (Carter); When I learn French (Thomson); Trust in Me (Ager); A Little Ramble in Springtime with you (Sarony).

2.15 Close Down. 6.00 p.m. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Outside of Paradise; (b) Lullaby in Rhythm; (c) I'm Madly in Love with You; (d) Miss Annabella Brown; Record. Love in Bloom (Ranger); I Hate Myself (Ager); Sydney Torch Organ.

(a) Loch Lomond; (b) When the Heather is in Bloom; (c) Believe Me; (d) I found my Yellow Basket; Records. Melody for Two (Dubin); September in the Rain (Dubin); James Melton; Rains! The Rent (from Cotton Club Revue); Roy Barry and Ramona.

(a) I'll Dream To-night; (b) My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean; (c) Solly-tude; (d) Yes, We have no Bananas. 7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.0 A Variety Programme. St. Louis Blues (Handy); The Boswell Sisters; We Agree Perfectly (Cools) and On Top of a Bus (Arden); Len. Berman with Orchestra; Everything in Rhythm with my Heart (From "First a Girl"); The Little Silkworm (Hoffman); Jessie Matthews; Flanagan and Allen. Memories—Introducing—Can't we Meet Again, A Million Tears, Underneath the Arches, Wanderer, Dreaming, Where the Arches used to Be; Flanagan and Allen; Medley. Intro. The Girl in the Little Green Hat, This is Romance, My Heart Humped over the Moon; Len Berman with Orchestra; Let Yourself Go (Berlin) and I'm Putting All my Eggs in One Basket; The Boswell Sisters.

7.33 Musical Comedy Selections. "Out of the Bottle" (Ellis) and "Tell Her the Truth" (Turnbridge). New Mayfair Orchestra; There's a Small Hotel ("On Your Toes"); Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon; The Cat and the Fiddle—Selection. New Mayfair Orchestra; "C. B. Cochran's 1930 Revue"—Vocal Gems; Light Opera Company.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements. 8.03 Terence Casey (Organ). Parade of the Wedding; Wedding of the Farandole; Waltz—A Medley of Waltzes.

8.15 Studio—Hal Lorenzo (Piano) and Toby Gray (Accordeon). 8.45 The Comedy Harmonists. Liebeslied (Kreiser); How Can It Be? (Folk Song); Congo Lullaby (From "Sanders of the River"); Love me a Little To-day (Brodzky). 9.00 London Relay—"Accent on Rhythm".

A further selection of dance tunes, some new, some old arranged by Kansas Moody. The Singers—Anna Medkin and Jack McConiffy; The Players—George Allon (Guitar) and James Moody (Piano). 9.15 London Relay—The News. 9.30 London Relay—"Food for Thought".

Short talks on matters of topical interest. 9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Report. 9.50 Maria Olszewska—Contralto. Sappho's Ode; Die Malmacht (Brahms). 9.57 Brahms—Double Concerto in A Minor Op. 102. Played by Thibaud (Violin) and Casals (Cello) with the Pablo Casals Orchestra cond. by Alfred Cortot. 10.30 London Relay—An Organ Recital. From St. George's Chapel, Windsor by W. H. Harris with an introductory talk by Owen Morshend, c.v.o., p.s.o., m.c., Librarian to His Majesty the King. 11.00 Close Down.

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BRITISH ENVOY ARRIVING

Chungking, April 4.

Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, has decided to leave Shanghai for Hongkong en route to Chungking on April 8, a Shanghai report received states.

—Central News.

objects of Japanese attack in time of war. But British naval opinion long ago dismissed Hongkong as utterly impossible of defence against the Japanese Navy.

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## All In It Together

ONE IMPORTANT factor in the defence of Hongkong seems to have escaped notice.

That is the question of compensation for loss of civilian life or property in time of war.

In the last war restitution was not accepted as a Government responsibility, and, happily, the question never arose in this Colony.

The subject is one which has arisen in England, where the Government has agreed in principle to the payment of pensions in the same order as Army and Navy pensions for civilians killed or disabled in air raids, and, more important, for the payment in part of compensation for wrecked or damaged buildings.

In the Far East, Hongkong property owners must be conscious of the heavy losses they will face if this Colony is ever involved in war. Many people now in Hongkong, in fact, were the losers in the Shanghai holocausts in 1932 and 1937. There must be hundreds of residents in this Colony who have lost practically everything they possessed in Canton.

Insurance is ruled out as a practicable basis for war risks of this kind. Although an attempt was made to force the insurance companies to meet claims after the Chapel holocaust in 1932, the amounts claimed were so astronomical that they defied their object. Obviously, no insurance company in the world would be able to meet the claims arising from the destruction of a city by bombing.

It boils down to this, then: If property holders are to be protected, protection must come from the Government.

If there is to be war, then from the start the principle must be accepted that we are all in it together.

The authorities are taking the necessary measures to protect human lives on this basis. But what about property? It is admittedly a far less important consideration; nevertheless the people who invest in this Colony are entitled to some protection.

For instance, to be topical, have you believed this summer that the benefit derived from sunshine is determined by the length of exposure to the sun's rays, by the intensity of the tan produced; that "one cannot get too much sunshine"?

Here are some facts:  
1.—Man, being an animal and not a tree, does not require prolonged exposure to the sun's rays for his proper physiological functioning. The best proof of this statement is to be found in the fact that the inhabitants of the Arctic and Antarctic regions do not suffer as a result of their yearly recurring six months of night.

2.—That a sun-tan promotes health is a delusion. Its chief benefit derives from the fact that it permits one to go about in the sun without further burning. The tan is thus Nature's device for protecting the body against continued absorption of the sun's rays.

3.—A brief exposure to sunshine is productive of all the possible good that can be expected. There is no scientific justification for the "ultra" bathing suit. The exposure of a small portion of the body accomplishes as much good as if the entire body were exposed.

4.—The exhilarating effect of sun-bathing experienced by many who use this measure in a sensible manner is derived as much from the free air circulating about the body as from the sun.

5.—The best time (some authorities say the only time) for sun-bathing is from dawn to 9 a.m.; the next is from 4 p.m. to sundown.

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## GOOD HEALTH

FALSE notions about health are common to mankind the world over.

For instance, to be topical, have you believed this summer that the benefit derived from sunshine is determined by the length of exposure to the sun's rays, by the intensity of the tan produced; that "one cannot get too much sunshine"?

Here are some facts:  
1.—Man, being an animal and not a tree, does not require prolonged exposure to the sun's rays for his proper physiological functioning. The best proof of this statement is to be found in the fact that the inhabitants of the Arctic and Antarctic regions do not suffer as a result of their yearly recurring six months of night.

2.—That a sun-tan promotes health is a delusion. Its chief benefit derives from the fact that it permits one to go about in the sun without further burning. The tan is thus Nature's device for protecting the body against continued absorption of the sun's rays.

3.—A brief exposure to sunshine is productive of all the possible good that can be expected. There is no scientific justification for the "ultra" bathing suit. The exposure of a small portion of the body accomplishes as much good as if the entire body were exposed.

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**SLEEPING**  
That it is not an entirely healthful habit for one to sleep on his left side because such a position embarrasses the heart's action?

THIS misconception is evidently related to the fallacy concerning the position of the heart. It is brought to the attention of physicians every now and then by anxious patients. There is, however, no foundation in fact for such a notion.

In certain forms of heart disease the left side of the heart enlarges considerably because of the extra work it has to perform (quite as the blacksmith's muscles enlarge because of his strenuous work).

When the heart becomes enlarged in such a manner, a larger portion of the organ is found on the left side. Even in such instances no harm can result from one's sleeping on his left side because of the satisfactory protection given by the chest wall, formed by the ribs, muscles, etc.

That night air is unhealthy?

DR. C. W. SALEEBY says: "Night air contains fewer organic gases, since, in the absence of the sun's heat, putrefactive processes are less active. Certainly night air contains no kind of miasma peculiar to itself—except that produced in the bedroom."

As to solid matter, night air again has the advantage for the city dweller since less traffic means less dust, less microbe-laden dust. Night air differs, again, in that it is colder, as a rule, and undoubtedly if you propose to ventilate your bedroom you may require an extra blanket.

The advantage of breathing pure instead of foul air during one-third of our whole existence

The nations mass their forces in search of what was once man's individual ideal: good health. Some believe that gymnastics will bring bodily fitness; others doubt it. Many think that diet is the secret of physical efficiency; many more trust in exercise. What is one nation's meat is often another's poison.

Here a distinguished American, Dr. AUGUST A. THOMEN—whose work Lord Horder says will "successfully challenge the most severe criticism"—tackles the subject from an entirely new angle.

is perhaps not too dearly bought thus."

## FATIGUE

That chronic fatigue in healthy persons is usually due to over-work?

THIS is an erroneous opinion, however, for the real reason in the majority of cases is a chronic acidosis ranging in degree from mildness to severity. It is easily proved that the hardest kind of physical work does not produce chronic fatigue in a healthy individual.

A night or two of sleep, especially with a day of rest between, will always suffice to refresh a person who has become extremely tired from excessive work.

But the chronic fatigue which we are now considering is not evidently helped by mere rest, for it is the tiredness from which one cannot rest—a nervous fatigue, with resulting inability to apply one's self efficiently to the day's work.

This type of fatigue is caused by the poisoning, so to speak, of nerve tissues by the impurities, chiefly of an acid character, pre-

sent in the body fluids which bathe them.

Tests made in physiological laboratories have proved that it is very difficult to produce fatigue in a nerve.

It is the belief of many physicians who have studied the problem that this type of fatigue is due to the drugging, as it were, of nerve tissue by the over-production of acid products due to an excessive eating of acid-forming foods.

## EATING

That if one eats green apples he will most certainly get a stomachache?

THERE is nothing in green apples to cause a stomachache in itself. If the apple is eaten slowly and sufficiently chewed the stomach would not be able to distinguish between a ripe and unripe one. Eating slowly and chewing well are so important because it is necessary that the fruit be thoroughly mixed with the saliva for its proper digestion.

That meat should be much more thoroughly chewed than bread, vegetables, or fruit?

THE correct answer is that it is much more important to chew the bread-stuffs, vegetables, and fruits than it is the meat. Yes, strange as it may seem, it is far more important to chew one's mashed potatoes than one's meat or fish.

That oranges, lemons, grape fruit, tomatoes, etc., form acids in the body?

FRUITS and vegetables form alkaline substances in the human body—except prunes, plums, cherries, and cranberries. It is interesting to note that most often ripe, uncooked plums and cherries have a pleasant, sweet taste, yet they form acids in the system, while the most sour lemon forms an alkali. Evidently our taste is not a proper guide in the matter.

READING  
That reading light must come from over the left shoulder to be the most effective?

IT has been determined by experimentation that it matters not from where the light comes, provided there are no shadows cast upon the page, and provided the rays from the light do not enter the eye.

The light should be at least 26 degrees away from the direct line of sight, and should be so placed as to avoid direct reflections from the glossy pages so commonly used.

The best reading light is that termed "indirect," in which the source of light is hidden and the rays thrown on the ceiling. This is similar in effect to daylight.

## DO YOU HATE ARUM

## LILIES

By  
N. B. W.

CHINA HAS done much for me and to me.

On the credit side of the account she has all but conquered the sting of obliteration.

To hint that eternal oblivion nowhere is preferable to temporary life in these parts is not the intention.

But, with intense and melancholy recollections of the truly ghastly exhibitions of funeralism in other countries, and now that I am, almost daily, an interested spectator of the seemingly care-free, nearly exhilarating, colourful pageants that accompany the deceased Oriental, the fact that I shall one day personally fill the role of piece de resistance in the grand finale, leaves little pang.

The profusion of fresh blossoms, the gorgeous tints of peacock-blue, Nile-green, crimson and gold of banner and habillments; the clear air, the golden sunshine all engender hope; suggest the futility of sorrow for the inevitable.

It is true that the chief mourner, cream-sackcloth-clad, wall at times, and are almost invariably supported on either side by friends and sympathisers, but there is more than a slight suspicion that such an attitude is considered to be "the thing" and must be done in all decorum.

The prevailing note is one of every-day non-chalance, as though

nothing out of the ordinary is happening (and is it?).

It is not to be expected that the paid bearers of banners, of bright paper images and so on, would exhibit any degree of regret or sorrow; and perhaps to the strings of school-children or the little band of employees a change of head is of little moment.

But even that rounded, mandarin-capped, black-silk-gowned, prosperous and kindly-looking old gentleman who paces with so dignified an air and slow a gait at the tail-end of the procession, chats cheerily and with animation to others like himself.

The over-burdened, sweating, groaning bearers of the flower-secretes certainly realize the heaviness of life, whatever their attitude towards death.

A SMALL suburban home faced a London cemetery—not nearly so luxurious a situation as it sounds. Well-grown trees of laburnum, mountain-ash, hawthorn and poplar, enclosed the ground entirely inside a golden-chestnut fence.

In the portion yet awaiting tenants birds incessantly twittered in blissful security from all natural enemies, always excepting the ubiquitous cat.

Day after day these melancholy, deeply depressing functions went on, and upon a day of chilling rain or dank mist the eternal unrelief of black and white stretched at the heart of the most voluble of individuals, of the most persistent of Mark Tapleys.

Welcome was the cheerful interrupting note of the shrill and virile neigh of the massive black Flanders stallions which drew the hideous, over-ornamented vehicle of shining-black and glaring glass, glided knobs and futile, silly carvings.

Fine creatures they were, though cumbrous of build, coats groomed to silken sheen, manes and tails of prodigious length and thickness.

Upon the proudly tossing, impatient heads grew blobs of shaven horse-hair—lasciviously relegated to the circus-ring, and gaily coloured at that.

How grateful we were to those mighty animals providing a shield for rolled in a gloomy, despondent-hued occasion, seemingly purposely staged for the annihilation of any future hopes.

AN Italian provincial city. The honoured dust probably rests upon a weighty, ponderous vehicle of white and gold.

If the strident chanting of the long double file of white-clothed, professional lady mourners is not exactly musical, nevertheless it strikes a lively note.

The little acolytes, tired and somewhat inattentive with the weary tramp on hard stone streets bear enormous candles canting in the most grotesque of drunken attitudes.

The lace-frocked, blue-jowled priest, gigantic feet incongruously protruding below the black alpaca cassocks, somewhat arrogantly scans the staring crowds, and provides in tones stentorian the anti-strophe to the strophe of the wailing maidens on ahead.

Then stride the incense-bearers, the golden vessels all ablaze, the bearers of the Holy Water, to whom the people urgently and eagerly push, hoping to be blessed with a sprinkled drop of sacred fluid.

WHEN AND if I have leisure before I am induced to fill the chief role in such a ceremony, I intend to trace the history of the British obsequies down the ages, and discover whether we have always taken our pleasures thus madly.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I just gotta have more guns, planes, and tanks, Mom! All the other fellas in our block are re-arming!"



BALANCE OF POWER

# Japan May Hold Key

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3.—Diplomatic quarters in Washington express the opinion that Japan holds the key to the world's future as a result of the rift between Germany and Britain.

Latest developments are likely to precipitate a new balance of power in which the United States will be importuned to join.

Japan, with her vast armies schooled in war and her naval construction programme, may be forced to choose between allegiance to the Rome-Berlin axis and diplomatic independence.

MILITARY AXIS

Observers here believe that Japan's entry into the Rome-Berlin military axis would produce a co-ordination so powerful that most other countries would be constrained towards a common diplomatic purpose for their own safety.

If Japan remains independent militarily, she might be able to present a swift crystallisation of the two great blocs.

Unfettered Role

Some experts hold the belief that Japan is strong enough to play an unfettered role in the world of politics, bargaining not only for her own national advantage but conceivably for restored order in the Far East.

The United States obvious interest in Japan's alignment or non-alignment in the Axis would be determined by the degree to which Japan might become a party to world-wide "power politics" and the effect of her position on the control of the Pacific.

"Watch Europe"

Tokyo, Apr. 3.—Japan must completely and immediately change her policy towards Great Britain, declares the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun," which is the Japanese army's mouthpiece. The newspaper adds: "Japan must now watch Europe too, and events may compel her to strengthen the anti-Comintern Pact, whether the Governments like it or not."—Reuter.

RUMANIAN POSITION

(Continued from Page 1.)

ject of M. Gafencu's journey is to discuss with French and British statesmen the possibility of obtaining from Western Powers a guarantee of Rumania's security. Although Rumanian circles in Paris maintain strict silence concerning the report, Paris papers assert that the main theme of Colonel Beck's conversations in London will be the participation of Rumania in the anti-German bloc.

Turkey's Attitude

The "Paris Mid" observes in this connection that the inclusion of Rumania in the bloc would depend on Turkey's attitude, since military assistance for Rumania could only be assured in the event of Turkish collaboration.

The paper believes that before M. Gafencu makes his journey he will visit Ankara in order to ascertain the views of the Turkish Government.

Baltic States

The same paper also asserts that in the course of his conversations in London, Colonel Beck will bring up the question of possible action in favour of the Baltic States, as he is particularly anxious to reach an agreement which would permit Poland to speed up her re-armament, and also to negotiate a trade agreement for developing commercial relations between Britain and Poland.

## Many Die In Chikhom Raid

Lienhsien, Apr. 4.—It is now revealed that more than 100 non-combatants in Chikhom, in northern Lutchow Peninsula, were killed and wounded during a terrific Japanese air raid on March 20. Six machines took part in the bombing, dropping scores of missiles in the densely-populated areas of the town.—Central News.

## Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? dissolute hookah dissonance distaff distasteful curial English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

# BITTER GERMAN ATTACKS

## Newspapers Wage War On Britain

BERLIN, Apr. 3. COUNTER-ATTACKS on England in the event of the latter continuing her diplomatic campaign against Germany are foreshadowed in all of this evening's papers here.

The "Nachtausgabe" declares that any attempt by England to restrict Germany's vital sphere by means of British alliances with the smaller States would constitute an "unprovoked attack on German liberty, and to her claim to equality of rights."

The paper adds that "so long as such an attack assumes political shape it will be answered with political arguments, but so clearly that England will feel the blow."

Poland's Freedom

Discussing the visit of Colonel Beck to London, the "Nachtausgabe" remarks that Colonel Beck's attitude towards Poland's business. Only one thing matters at the present. Whereas on the one hand the English papers proclaim the necessity of defending the freedom of the European nations and the cause of peace, on the other hand the same newspapers demand that Poland should increase her obligations, and notably her financial obligations to England to such an extent that Polish foreign policy will, in future, be dictated from London.

Stronger Reich

The paper "Angriff" observes that Germany's position is stronger than in 1914, since to-day the united German bloc exists which is "indissolubly allied to Fascist Italy." "Moreover," adds the paper, "a glance at the map of Eastern Europe shows that strategic conditions have greatly changed since the World War, mainly owing to the development of military aviation."

Encirclement

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" heads its article "Is Encirclement An Illusion?" and replies to the question in the negative. In the paper's view, encirclement is the concrete aim pursued by London.

The paper goes on to say that since Herr Hitler's speech on Saturday, England ought to know what attitude and what actions on her part would justify Germany in considering the naval pact of 1935 to have lost its practical value. However, it believes that the British public is inadequately informed on the subject by the press and that it is consequently unaware of the fact that England and Germany need not interfere with each other in their respective spheres of interest.

After recalling that Hitler, in his last speech, expressed the sincere desire of the German nation to live in peace with England, the paper remarks that there is no evidence that this desire is reciprocated at the other side of the North Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

## New President Of Turkey

Istanbul, Apr. 3.—The election of Ismet Inonu as President of the Turkish Republic was confirmed when the sixth Grand National Assembly met in Ankara today.

Kelik Saydam and his Government formally resigned, but was at once reappointed to office by the President. However, two new Ministers were created.

The Ministry of Traffic was separated from the Ministry for Public Works, the new Ministry being taken over by the present Labour Minister, Ali Celiknaga. General Ali Funt was then appointed new Minister of Labour.

A separate Ministry of Commerce has been created as complement of the Ministry of Economics.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER'S BIRTHDAY

BERLIN, Apr. 3.—Herr Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday on April 20 will be celebrated with great national festivities, the central feature of which will be a military parade on a scale far greater than ever witnessed in Berlin before.—Trans-Ocean.

## JESSIE MATTHEWS MAY VISIT HONGKONG SOON

LONDON REPORTS published in Singapore papers last week state that Jessie Matthews, the popular British film and stage actress, and her equally well-known husband, Sonnie Hale, are planning to visit the Far East.

The report states that they are expected in Singapore shortly, but does not mention whether Hongkong is included in their itinerary.

Jessie has recovered from recent illness and has been rehearsing her dancing again in London.

Just over a month ago, she collapsed with nervous trouble and was too ill even to read her correspondence.

Now she and her husband, Sonnie Hale, are going ahead again with plans for a spring show, which will tour Britain, after which they will come on holiday to the Far East.

CHINA IN THE COMMONS

## LIVE WIRE BARRICADES AROUND CONCESSIONS

LONDON, Apr. 3. MR. I. C. HANNAH asked the Government in the House of Commons to-day what reply had been received from the Japanese Government to the British Government's representations against surrounding the British and French Concessions at Tientsin with barricades of live wire, and what action the British Government had taken to secure protection and freedom of movement as well as means of subsistence for Britons and their employees in Tientsin.

Mr. R. A. Butler said that the restrictions were lifted on February 8 though the barriers remained. No reports had reached him regarding interruption of food supplies. The situation generally aroused some uneasiness, and the British representation continued to request the restoration of normal conditions.

In another answer, Mr. Butler stated that Lord Halifax was expecting a report on the reported anti-British agitation which was being carried on by the Nanking Provisional Government.—Reuter.

Tsingtao Harbour

London, Apr. 3. Several questions about Tsingtao were addressed to Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day, who replied that Sir Robert Craigie had been informed by the Japanese vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs on March 23 that, subject to certain restrictions, the commercial harbour was to be re-opened on March 25.

Foreign vessels at present were to be confined to three berths, and the use of the warehouses on the wharves was temporarily permitted.

In fact one oil-tanker wharf and two berths on No. 1 wharf were officially open and either being used or were expected to be available for vessels in the next few days.

Pearl River

Mr. Butler added that the British Government welcomed this action by the Japanese Government as the first step towards restoration of more normal conditions in ports under Japanese control.

In a written reply to Mr. Walter Smiles, Mr. F. A. Butler stated that the Pearl River was not yet re-opened to the British, but His Majesty's Government was taking all possible steps to secure its re-opening as soon as possible.—Reuter.

## Unemployment Drops 170,000

LONDON, Apr. 3.—The improvement in employment in almost every industry in Great Britain during the past month is reflected in the figures showing a decrease of 160,000 unemployed on March 13, compared with February 13.

The total unemployed was 1,726,000, this being the lowest number since December, 1937.—Reuter Special.

## Chinese Junks Searched

Swatow, Apr. 4.—More than fifty Chinese fishing junks off the coast of Swatow were forced on April 2 by three Japanese warships to sail to Namoa Island where they were thoroughly searched.

All the junks aboard which arms that the fishermen kept for self-defence were found were set on fire and the crew thrown into the sea.

Enraged by the Japanese merciless act, three Chinese fishermen attacked and killed three Japanese soldiers and escaped by swimming.—Central News.

## Bitter Fighting At Kongmoon

Szewul, Apr. 4. Bitter fighting continues around Kongmoon, according to latest field dispatches.

Crack Chinese reinforcements have arrived to assist in the counter-offensive against the Japanese. Chinese able-bodied civilians have been organised and deployed at various vantage points to harass the invaders.—Central News.

LONDON, Apr. 3.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, who is 74, has left London on advice to take some weeks of complete rest and change.—Reuter Special.

## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,385 b.
H.K. Banks Ltd.	84 n.
Chartered	85 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	27 n.
Mercantile, C.	13 n.
East Asia	80 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	220 b.
Union	455 b.
China Underwriter	14 n.
H.K. Fire	183 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas	68 n.
Steamboats	13 n.
Indo-China, P.	60 n.
Indo-China, D.	24 n.
Shell Beners	84 1/2 n.
Waterboats	110 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	100 s.
Docks	18 1/2 b.
Providents	6 s.
New Eng. Sh.	670 n.
Siu Docks	101 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	17/9 n.
Ruibs	8 n.
Venz: Goldfield	3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc.	4 n.
Antamoks	30 1/2 sa.
Atok	25 1/2 sa.
Baguio Gold	25 1/2 sa.
Benguet Cons. Ps.	12.30 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	30 sa.
Hogons Ps.	27 1/2 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	14 1/2 sa.
L.K.L. Ps.	56 sa.
Camelinas Ps.	51 sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	1.02 sa.
Suyoc Consul Ps.	18 1/2 sa.
Paracales Ps.	68 sa.

LANDS

Hotels	5 1/2 b.
Lands	33 1/2 b.
Lands 4 1/2 dols.	10 n.
Shai Lands	8.80 n.
Humphreys	8.55 n.
H.K. Realities	4.40 n.
Chinese Estates	102 n.

UTILITIES

Trams	10 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	5 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Siu Feries (old)	67 1/2 n.
Y. Feries (old)	24 1/2 n.
Y. Feries (new)	24 n.
China Lights (old)	8.20 b.
China Lights (new)	5.33 b.
H.K. Electric	57 n.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 sa.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	23 n.
Telephones (new)	7 1/2 n.
Tractions s/-	22 1/2 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	22 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIAL

Cald: Macq. (ord.)	Sh. \$...14 n.
Cald: Macq. (Pre.)	Sh. \$...13 n.
Canton Ice	Sh. \$...13 n.
Cements	13 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	3.00 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (ex. ris.)	21.00 b.
Dairy Farms (ris.)	15 1/2 b.
Watsons	8.05 s.
Lane Crawford	1.80 n.
Sinceres	42 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	42 n.
Powell, Ltd. clis.	30 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh.	20.20 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	105 n.
Zoong Sings	30 n.
Wing On Textiles	40 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainment	0.40 b.
Constructions	1 1/2 n.
Vibro Piling	0.30 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G.S. Bonds	0.05 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm. b.	
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## Slovak-Hungary Border Pact

BUDAPEST, Apr. 3.—The Slovak-Hungarian frontier negotiations were successfully concluded this afternoon with the signing of the protocol, whereby about 1,000 square miles of territory hitherto part of Slovakia will be handed over to Hungary before Easter.

The new Eastern frontier of Slovakia on the Hungarian side now begins in the North at the Polish frontier on the heights of the Czeremlin and runs west of the towns of Zolow, Taksany, Kiskolom, Remetevagyor, Alsokulas and Sarosmezo.—Trans-Ocean.

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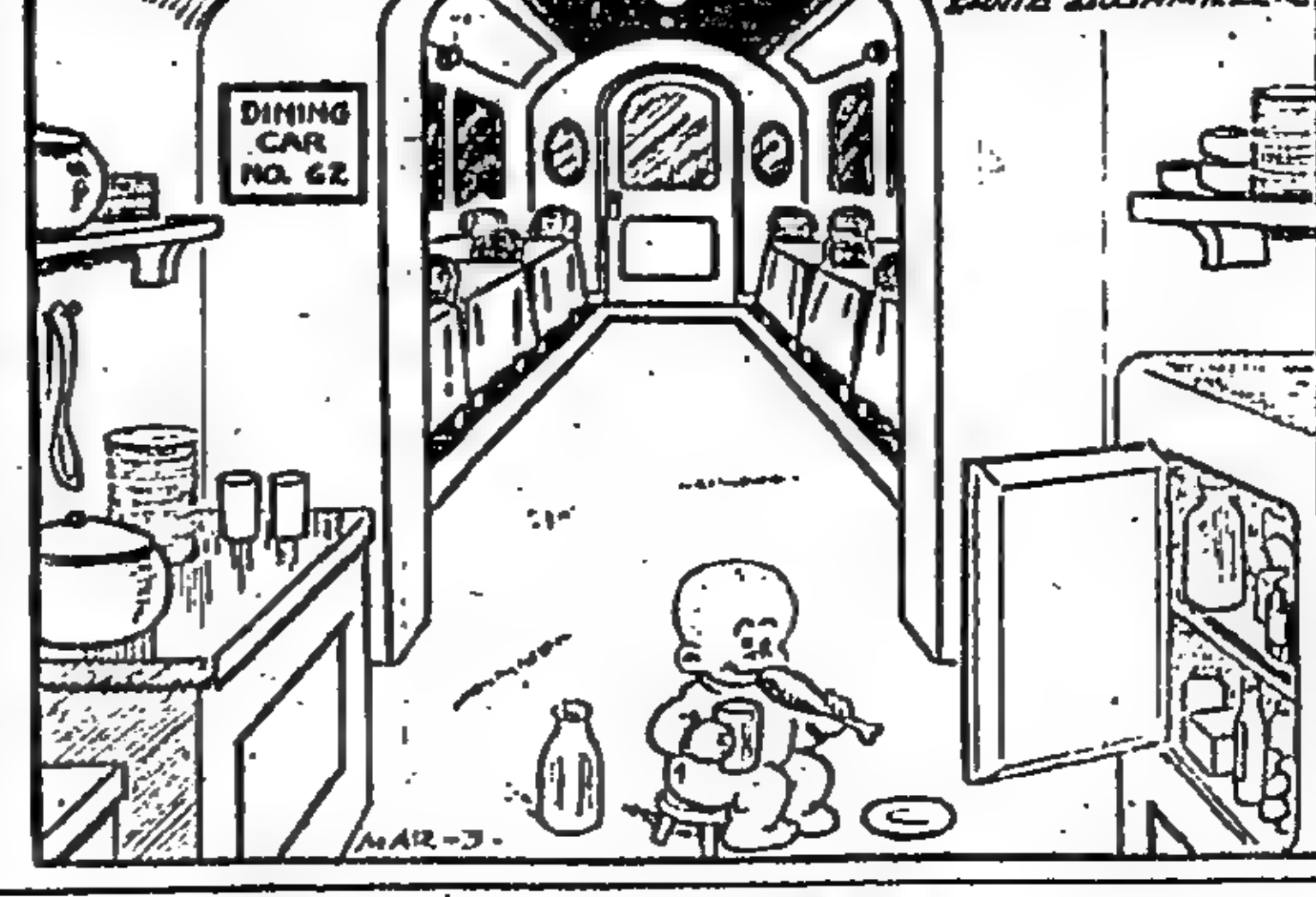
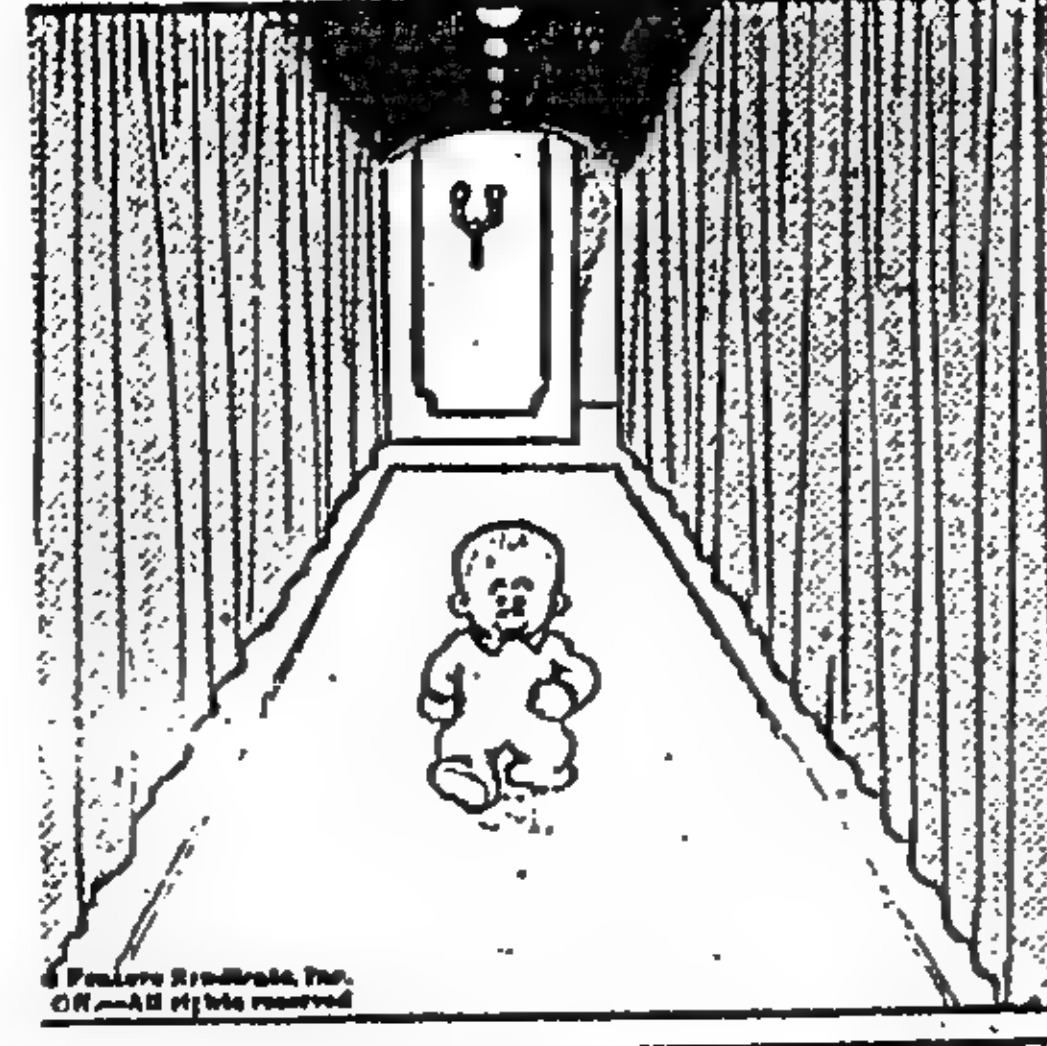
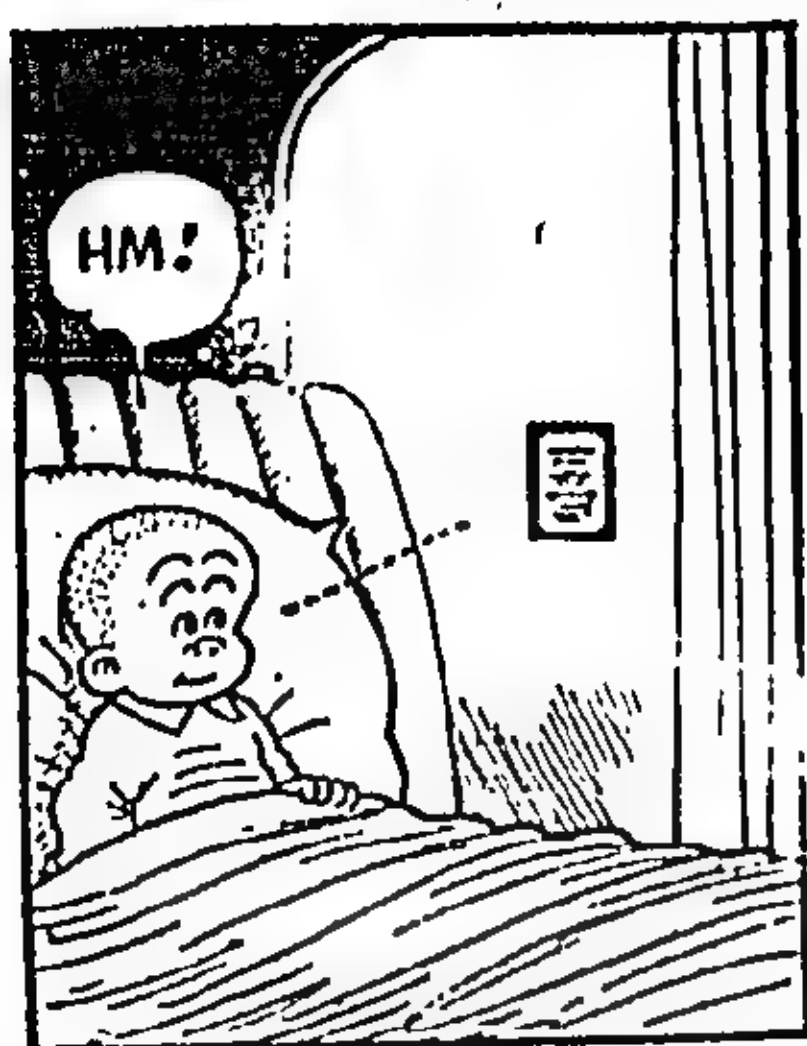
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squash-racquets matches between England and the United States at the Queen's Club last month and for the Ladies' Squash Championships. She not only helped England to win the International match, but also won the title from Miss Susan Noel.



# NANCY



## Heaton's Kicking Crushes Scots' Hopes

### How England Won Rugger Match Against Scotland

SCOTLAND ..... 6 ENGLAND ..... 9  
London, Mar. 19.

Triple Crown winners and champions one year and wooden-spoonists the next! That is Scotland's International Rugby record.

The premier country of last season finished at the foot of the table in the current series as a result of yesterday's defeat in the concluding engagement for the Calcutta Cup.

It was a curious game in that the victors had all of the play and ought to show for it save three penalty goals. Scotland, however, twice crossed the rival line in the first half, but could not convert either try, and in the second half they were so completely outplayed that they never looked like getting on terms.

That these were not forthcoming must be regarded as a notable tribute to the English forwards who throughout, were in complete command. It was not merely that they controlled the scrummages. That much was expected before the game commenced. They also matched the Scots for light and effectiveness in the open.

Some of the home scrummages were ragged and wild, and for these lapses a heavy penalty was exacted.

**BACK WEAKNESS**  
The fact remains, however, that England could not obtain the first essential of a winning side. Truth to tell they never looked like scoring even in the closing stages when some of the Scots were thoroughly spent.

This indicates a weakness in the back division, and one fears that several of its members may not make the international grade. Henton's goal kicking compensated for defects in other directions. He played in full measure for the mistake which gave the Scots their first try.

Guest and Carr on the wing were starved but Parsons, after an uncertain first half of fussy touch kicking, found confidence in the second half. Ellis worked hard behind the scrums but lacked variety. Kemp, too, was unimaginative. Altogether, in fact, the England backs were a stolid orthodox lot.

### SPORT ADVTS

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 8th and MONDAY, 10th April, 1939, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including taxi) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

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Hongkong, 3rd April, 1939.

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By Ernie Bushmiller

### Indoor Bowling

#### OPTIMISTS DEFEAT ROLLERS

Playing at the Hongkong Bowling Alley yesterday in a second round match, second stage, of the Ewo League, the "Optimists" beat the "Rollers" by 227 points. Scores:

R. H. Duddridge	158	183	140	481
M. R. Abbas	135	159	127	421
L. D. Skinner	115	144	121	420
S. A. Ismail	122	117	120	359

Total ..... 1,687

S. A. Tremlett	190	132	127	449
G. Guttlinger	97	110	125	332
J. Dubois	100	108	129	337
A. A. Hutcheson	90	130	116	336

Total ..... 1,460

five minutes after the home country's second score.

Thus Scotland had to pay heavily for a serum infringement in the first instance, and for Young's rashness in running offside in the second.

And so to half-time with the sides on level terms—a fair reflection on a ding-dong game.

**ENGLAND TAKE LEAD**  
The first picture of the second half was a fine effort by Bruce-Lockhart which, however, was ended when Watkins tackled him brilliantly. Then in five minutes England went into the lead.

Again it was Henton's skill as a marksmen that did the trick. The Lancashire centre took full toll for Borward's off-side infringement by placing another perfect goal from a difficult angle.

England were definitely on top after this, but despite a monopoly of the ball from the scrummages they could not get in a clinching attack. It took Scotland a lot of labour to get into the England half.

When they did, aided by a penalty kick, and a knock-on by Parsons, the best he could do, saw a futile drop at goal by Bruce-Lockhart, while Henton followed suit in England's counter-attack.

All the first half sparkle had died out of the game. It was a case of England having all the ball and knowing not what to do with it and Scotland simply being pinned down to defence. When eventually Carr got a chance he was beautifully tackled by Innes.

When again Bruce-Lockhart, who

### Colony Soccer Team For Macao

The following have been chosen to represent the Colony in the Interport football game against Macao at Macao, on Sunday April 16.

Cheong, Wing-choy (South China "A"); Chan Kwok-ye (Police) and C. Blackburn (Police); P. Honeywell (Navy); Bright (Middlesex) and Parker (Police); Armstrong (Navy); D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); Chan Tak-fai (South China "A"); Ferrier (Police); and Lau Tau-man (South China "A").

Reserves:—Hussain (St. Joseph's); Thorburn (Navy) and Hossack (Royal Scots). Team Manager and Association Representative:—Mr. W. E. Hollands.

### MIXED FOURSOME GOLF TOURNEY

#### Third Round And Semi-Final Ties

The following are the results in the third round of the Mixed Foursomes Tournament of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

Col. and Mrs. Rose (9 and 32) beat Major and Mrs. Harvey (9 and 19) 5 and 4.  
Major and Mrs. Williams (20 and 24) 5 and 3.  
A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman (3 and 22) beat A. and Mrs. Nicol (18 and 31) 4 and 3.  
L. Goldman and Mrs. Woodward (8 and 22) beat G. R. and Mrs. Razavet (20 and 34) 6 and 4.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Major and Mrs. Williams beat Col. and Mrs. Rose 3 and 2.  
Goldman and Mrs. Woodward beat A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman 2 and 1.

#### CAPTAIN'S CUP

In the Captain's Cup April Qualifying competition, G. B. S. Thomson qualified on the Old Course with a card of 86—10=70. There were 41 entries.

On the New Course, J. Forbes, 86—13=73, qualified. There were four entries.

A. J. Dennis, with 88—11=77, won the Old Course optional sweepstake. There were 15 entries.

The New Course sweepstake was cancelled.

#### LOCAL YACHTING

#### Yesterday's Sweepstake Race Won By Jean

The following were the results of the sweepstake race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday:

Yacht	Pos.
Jean (Mrs. V. Gowlind)	1
Artemus (Mrs. M. Whitham)	2
La Linda (Mrs. M. I. Johnstone)	3
Kittiwake (Miss P. M. King)	4
Redshank	D.N.F.
Koala	D.N.F.

### Shanghai Fire

Shanghai, Apr. 4.  
Six Chinese children were burned to death and eight Chinese women were seriously burned where a fire destroyed a block of Chinese houses of the poor class type, mainly consisting of wood and mud straw huts, here yesterday.—United Press.

had changed places with Shaw, broke away, Scotland's hopes rose, but he relayed his pass to Innes, and the attack fizzled out.

Back came England with their stolid, unimaginative kicking which, however, served its purpose in keeping play in the home quarters.

That miss proved Scotland's last hope of saving the game. England maintained the offensive to the end and "won" back the Calcutta Cup without a try to show for it.

Scotland with the minimum of chances got two.  
Was this, then, a lucky England win? It is hard to say. But at least one must conclude it was a tribute to the winners' back whose mastery was complete from first to last.  
Heaton's goal was the match-winner, but the forwards made the victory certain.

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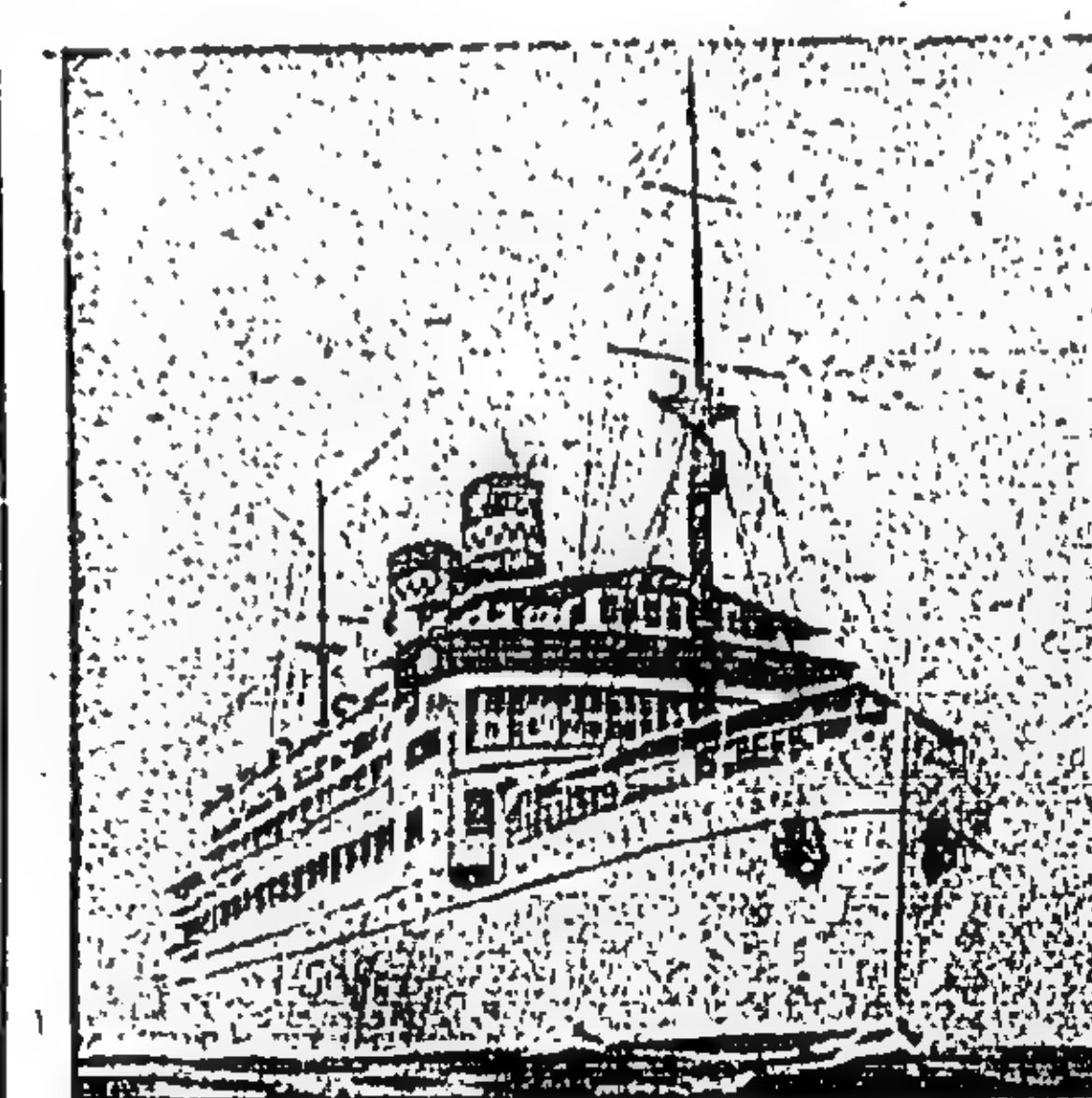
DB1823—Sambros and Montillas	Rina Ketty.
J'attendrai	Rina Ketty.
DB1835—Un tout petit Nid	Lucienne Boyer.
L'Auberge au Crepuscule	Lucienne Boyer.
DB1839—Je T'aime	Rina Ketty.
Embrasse moi	Charles Trenet.
DB1843—Rien que mon coeur	Lys Gauty.
Le clocher d'amour	Lys Gauty.
DF2471—Boum	Damia.
Vous êtes jolie	Charles Trenet.
DB1328—Le chaland qui passe	Damia.
J'aime les grands yeux	Charles Trenet.
DF2454—Dis-moi pourquoi	Damia.
Le bonheur est entre dans mon coeur	Charles Trenet.
DF2492—Ah dis, ah dis, ah bonjour	Damia.
La vie qui va	Charles Trenet.
DF2304—Du soleil dans ses yeux	Damia.
Je crois n'avoir jamais aimé	Charles Trenet.
DF2303—Le grand café	Damia.
La polka du roi	Damia.
DF2412—L'Angelus de la mer	Damia.
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## COATS are LONGER WAISTS are HIGHER

MEN shirk wearing formal clothes in the daytime when they can; but there is at least one occasion in his life when the average young man is anxious that such clothes should be correct in every detail, and that is at his wedding.

It would be a poor compliment to the bride in her lovely gown, to say nothing of her picturesque retinue of bridesmaids, if her bridegroom were not dressed in appropriate manner to fit in with the picture.

Such were the sentiments expressed in a letter from a reader who has found my articles helpful. He is hoping to lead his bride to the altar this spring.

### Correct Outfit

MY correspondent included in his letter some up-to-date notes about the outfit of a well-dressed bridegroom, given to him by his tailor.

Our bridegroom must wear a black morning coat, of course with striped trousers in greys, or black and white (the tones of the grey will get lighter as spring advances); pale grey or buff waistcoat; winged collar and light tie of the brand Ascot type, or a turn-down collar with long points, and an ordinary scarf tie of neat design; black silk socks and black Oxford shoes; black silk topper.

The morning coat should be single breasted with double-breasted lapels and a single button fastening.

### 1939 Fashion Points

TAILS of morning coats are getting longer and waists higher and well-defined, so our bridegroom must be careful to have his morning coat of up-to-date cut.

"If a man hasn't a figure, we've got to make him one," said the Eminent Authority, endorsing the dictum of my bridegroom-to-be's tailor.

Maybe there are some not-so-slim

women who wish their dressmakers could do the same for them!

### Broad Shoulders

SHOULDERS of morning coats are slightly broader, and the button-hole in the left lapel of the coat should be large enough to take the

calyx of a carnation. The buttons on the coat should be bone ones.

The coat, as I have said before, should be black, though some bridegrooms have chosen a dark Oxford grey.

Waistcoat should be double breasted, but a single breasted one is permissible.

## What the Tailor has to say about

## WELL-DRESSED BRIDEGROOMS

Trousers are very wide, with pleats at the waist. No turn-ups at the hems.

And no spats! Gloves should be of the light chambray type.

The same kind of outfit is, of course, correct for the best man, the ushers, and, indeed, for all the male guests at a wedding.

It is right, too, for occasions like Ascot, when a light topper can be worn instead of a dark one if preferred.

Also (for Ascot) the entire suit may be made in a pale tone of grey.

### Looking Back

WE women are fond of tracing back our fashions to different period influences. This spring our clothes show several influences, the predominating ones being those of the Victorian and Empire periods.

Pay your bride the compliment of acting upon this article

Others have the Napoleonic, the Empire and the Directoire touch.

### Directoire

So it may not be out of place here to point out that these higher waists and longer tails of men's morning coats show a Directoire trend.

Does this mean that tailors are gradually aiming at getting a greater variety of design in men's formal clothes?

Let us acknowledge that the well-cut 1939 formal clothes for masculine wear are excellent in every way. They emphasise formality without stressing it, give the impression of height, and achieve a waistline where one does not actually exist.

What more could a well-dressed man wish?



An interesting story in contrasts is told in this picture of Edith Kingdon Gould with her sister, Mrs. Charles Thompson. The hoop skirt is not as generally worn as the straighter line but is nevertheless a favourite with the younger dancing set. Miss Gould's dress is white while her sister's gown with its intricate shoulder strap arrangement is in several shades of fuchsia.

## What The Films Have Done For Women

By TIM WHELAN, THE WELL-KNOWN FILM DIRECTOR

IT is estimated that every week emulate to the best of their ability. 250,000,000 people visit cinemas throughout the world, and women form the greater part of the audience. It is not surprising, therefore, that in making a film, producers try to get a good angle of feminine appeal, but, though women are in this respect powerful, they in their turn come under the spell of films.

Women are, perhaps, more inclined to self-dramatising than men. Though the habit of mentally giving themselves heroic or sentimental roles to play may not be new amongst women, the film has stirred their imaginations as no literature ever done, and to-day many women who are watching her on the screen model themselves and their lives in not actually making notes in her mind for her own guidance, she is sometimes this can be carried to subconscious taking in a lesson.

Extremes, but apart from exceptional cases, the influence of the screen has been to the good, for into thousands of homes the screen has introduced outlook and increased the knowledge of higher standards of beauty, and in of whole nations, but it has also swept away hide-bound, crabbed, and prudish ideas, stripping away false modesty, and teaching true values.

### Influence on Dress

Through the medium of the screen, women have learned that it is possible to be attractive at all ages, and have been stirred from a once widely-held idea that marriage ended the necessity for, and the desirability of, further effort.

A pace has been set by the expert dressing and the grooming of the stars. Though only a few women can possibly hope to achieve that high standard—since the studios can place at the disposal of players expert beauty artists, make-up men, hair-dressers, and dress designers—the efforts which women feel they must make to be like other women prevent them falling into that sloth of drabness and carelessness which was once one of the marks of approaching middle-age.

The screen keeps women "glorified up" to the idea of always looking their best, and provides those who cannot go out into the world of false ideas, with examples to more honest place for women. At

### A Widening Outlook

Those who possessed narrow minds, firmly as a result of their own environment, have had their eyes opened to what the rest of the world thinks and believes, and many evils resulting from narrow-mindedness and "ingrained superstition" are gradually being swept away through the cleansing influence of the cinema.

While some may claim that the example set by the stars causes copying to the point of absurdity, of the good things taught by the movies is the virtue of being natural. Aids and affectations which were once considered an essential part of a woman's conduct, have given place to the idea expressed in the words "Be yourself."

The cinema has broken down the barriers of false ideas, and has made the world a more honest place for women. At

## Lemons And Vinegar

A FEW drops of vinegar or of lemon juice added to the water in which they are boiled will whiten old potatoes, and a few drops of lemon juice in the water in which rice is boiled will separate as well as whiten the grains. A teaspoonful of lemon juice in the water will prevent boiled meat from being tough.

Lemon juice may be used as a substitute for vinegar when making mint sauce. Sprinkled over sliced fruit or over fruit in salad, lemon juice will prevent fruit from turning dark.

The juice of a lemon taken without sugar before breakfast will often cure a bilious headache.

Lemon juice and glycerine mixed together are excellent for removing stains from the hands. A piece of lemon peel put into the basin when washing will soften the water, whiten the hands, and remove all trace of smell of fish and onions. If new shoes will not polish, rub over with half a lemon and leave until thoroughly dry. Repeat if necessary.

For linen scorched in ironing, rub the part with lemon juice and lay where bright sunshine will fall directly on it. The mark will disappear, leaving the scorched part as white as before.

Cut lemon and salt cleans copper. More juice can be extracted from a lemon by warming it before using.

A little vinegar added to the water when washing out cupboards not only keeps them sweet and clean, it also keeps moths at bay. Rusty curtain rings or hooks soaked in hot vinegar before being polished in the usual way will look like new.

Chamois leather dipped in vinegar and water will remove grease and grime from furniture. Polish afterwards with usual furniture cream. Fur is easily removed from the inside of decanters by rinsing them with warm vinegar.

When washing coloured garments, a little vinegar added to the water, will make the colours look like new. Vinegar and water will also clean a slimy sponge. Soak over-night.

H. E.

## Mink Coat In Church Collection

A MINK coat, said to have cost £400, has been given to St. Matthew's Church, Worthing, as part of the offering.

The curate-in-charge, the Rev. Rowland Smith, advertised it for sale at £100.

"If I disclosed the name of the donor," he said, "the coat probably would not sell. Some women don't like buying other people's clothes if they know to whom they belong."

The gift was made in response to an appeal for unwanted gold and jewellery in aid of Sussex church builders.



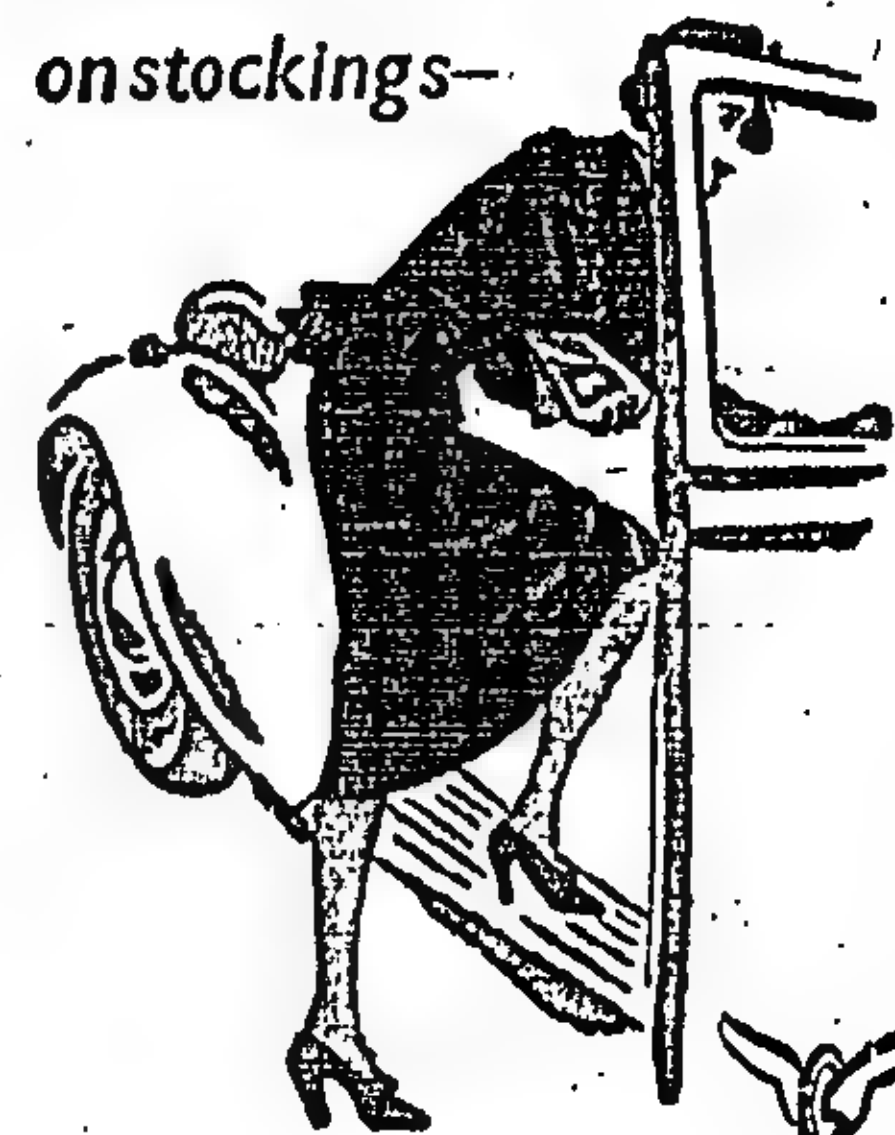
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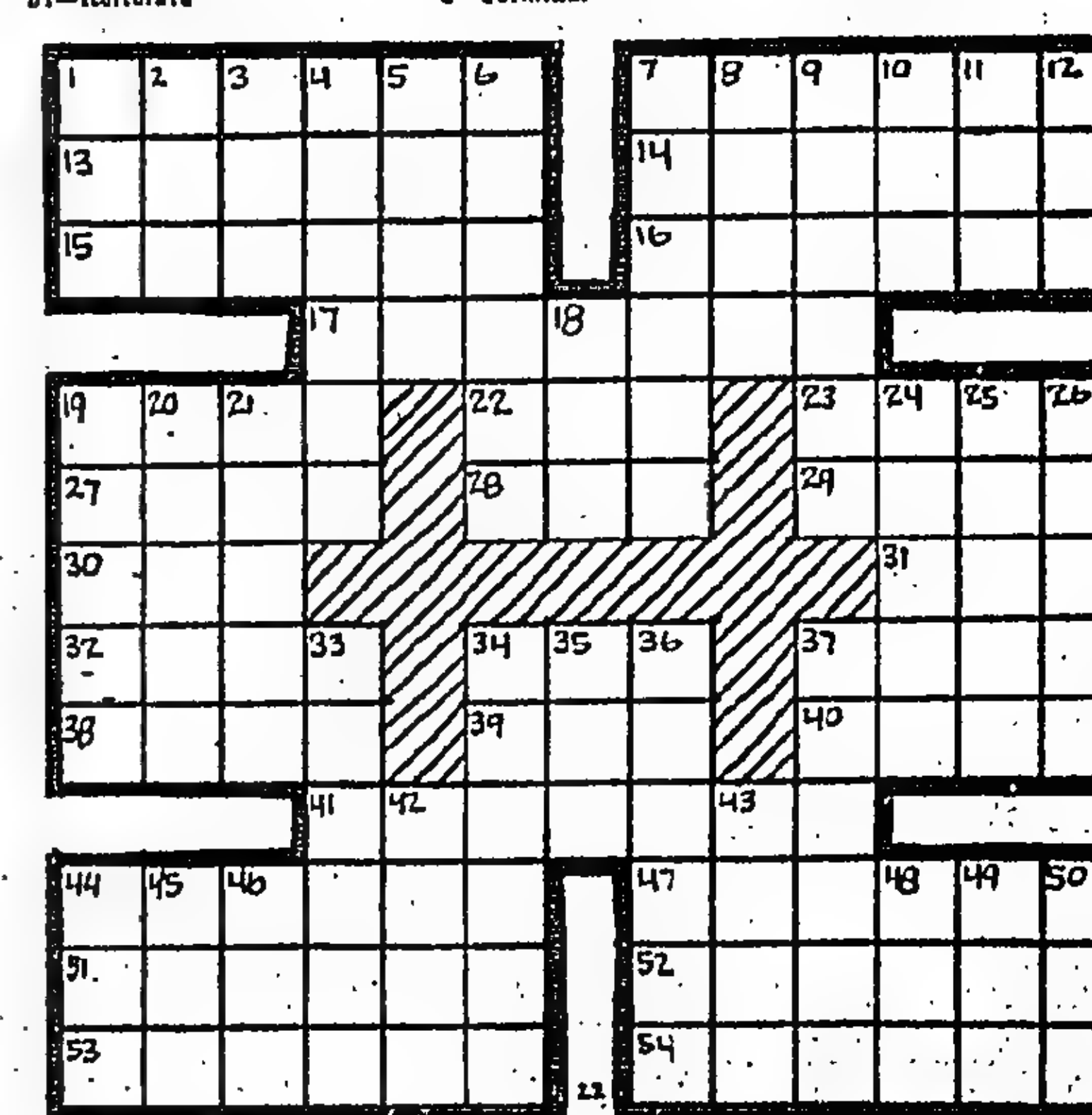
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS  
1—Entertain royally  
7—Attack troops from air  
12—Hard surface  
14—Presser  
16—Swirled  
18—Cleaver  
17—Marie's excavation machine  
19—10th of March  
23—Bishop's jurisdiction  
25—Afghan-kia  
27—Tip  
29—Thrice 1 mander  
30—Girl's name  
31—Leaves cast  
32—Witty sayings  
34—President Coolidge's nickname  
37—Baucy  
38—Let it stand  
39—Remain  
40—Anger  
41—Run business  
42—Heath shrub  
43—Cathartic  
44—Teeterate

- DOWN  
3—Wander aimlessly  
4—Among  
5—Side-long foot  
6—First-born  
8—Vocalist  
9—Large plant  
10—Believed  
11—Emmet  
12—Price of service  
13—Wander  
14—River in England  
15—Paragraph  
16—Piece of turf  
17—Hazy day  
18—Diagon's hat  
19—Kiss used to  
20—Herald  
21—Purloined  
22—Supporting strips  
23—Atmosphere  
24—Tump  
25—Starb feed  
26—Meads  
27—Brit  
28—Famous race horse  
29—Himle  
30—Belly  
31—Before  
32—Vermilion



the same time, through the film producers' direct appeal to the feminine majority in their audiences, woman is being taught her value in the world.

Through the commercial necessity of mainly presenting women in a favourable light, the producers have given women a new pride, and through this may not be so noticeable in such countries as Britain and America, in more backward parts of the world the dawn of this new pride is driving into the shadows for ever the degraded conditions in which women lived.









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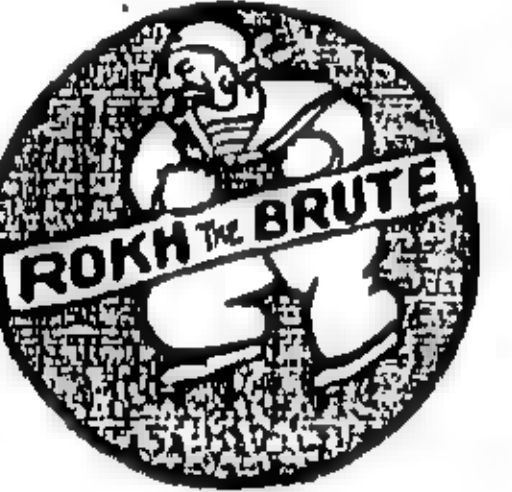
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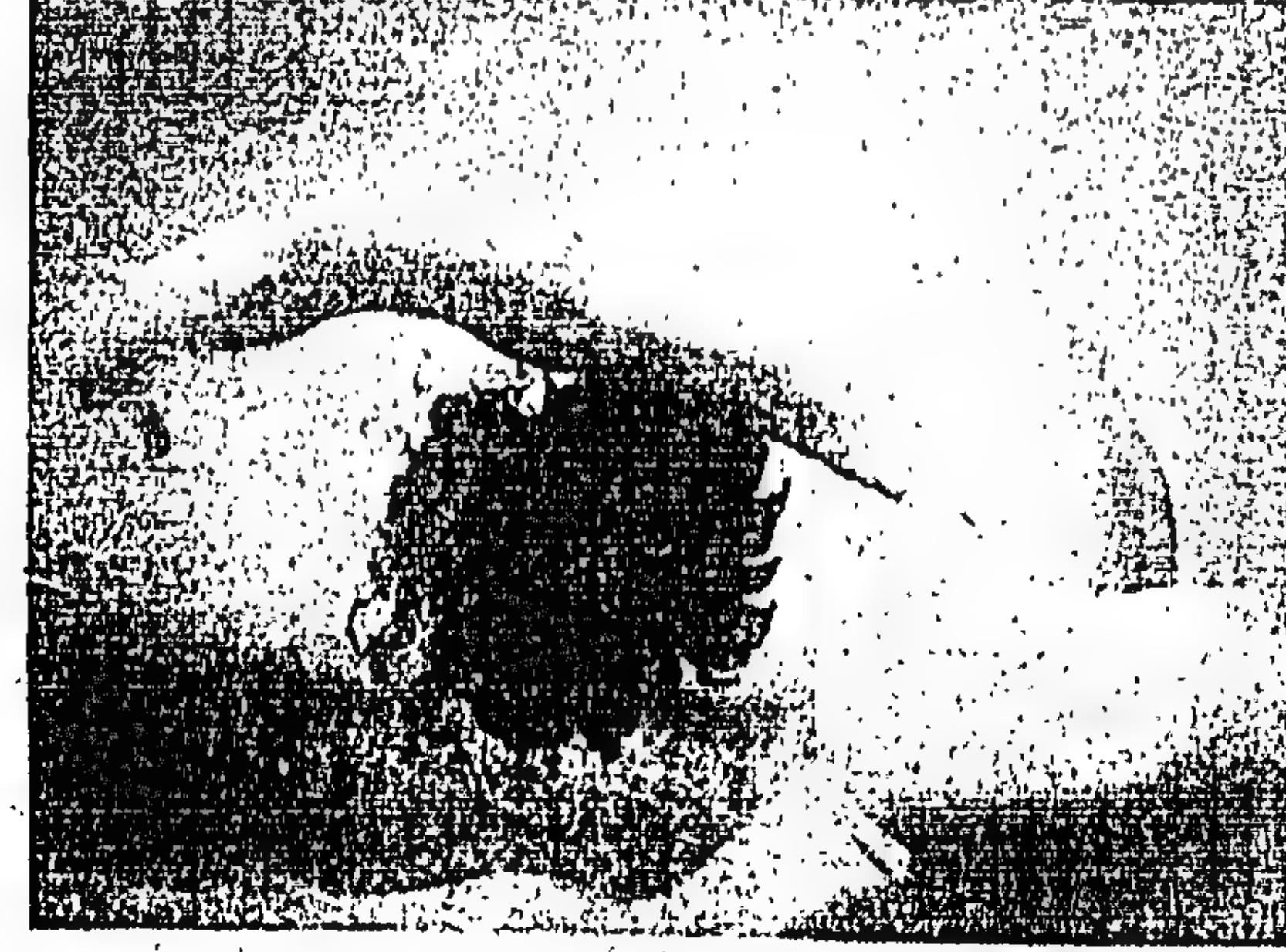
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### COMMONS DEBATE

## Grave British Warning To Aggressors

(Continued from Page 1)

had been given to him, and not to him only, but to the world, that the German Government had no wish to dominate other races, but that all they wanted was to assimilate Germans living in adjacent territories within their own country.

"We were told that when that was done, it would be the end. That there would be no further territorial ambitions. Those assurances have now been thrown to the winds absolutely."

"It has completely destroyed confidence, and forced the British Government to make this great departure, of which I gave the first intimation last week."

"I am now told that there are other reasons for the recent events in Czechoslovakia—historical associations, and fear of attack. They may be excellent reasons, but they do not accord with the assurances given before. (cheers)."

**Further Expansion**  
"It was inevitable that they should raise doubts as to whether other reasons might not be found for further expansion. I am not asserting to-day that this challenge has been made. No official statement has been made. I know of no ever formulated such an ambition, although there has been plenty of unofficial talks. But the effects of these recent events have penetrated far beyond the limits of the countries concerned, probably far further than was anticipated by those who brought them about."

Referring to the suggested enlargement of Germany, Mr. Chamberlain continued: "It is fantastic to suggest that our policy, which is a policy of 'self-defence, in that term is meant enlargement for the purpose of aggressive action."

"I do not wish to-day to attempt to specify what governments we may now, or in the near future, find it desirable to consult on the situation, but I would make one allusion to the Soviet Union because I appreciate that the Soviet Union is always in the thoughts of the Opposition, and that they are still a little suspicious as to whether so-called ideological differences may not be dividing us in what otherwise would be in the interests of us both."

**Ideology**  
"I do not pretend for one moment, that ideological differences do not exist. They remain unchanged. But our point is that whatever may be those ideological differences, they do not really count in a question of this kind. What we are concerned with is to preserve our independence. Here, I mean the independence of all States which may be threatened by aggression."

"We therefore welcome co-operation with any country, whatever may be its internal system of government; not in aggression, but in resistance to aggression."

"I believe this nation is now united, not only in approval of what we have said, but in approval of the aim and purpose which lie behind it. (cheers)."

"I believe the whole Empire shares in that approval. (cheers)."

"Members of the British Empire beyond the seas have hitherto watched our efforts for peace with a fervent hope that they might be successful."

"All of them have had a growing consciousness that we cannot live for ever in an atmosphere of surprise and alarm which Europe has suffered in recent months."

### Liberal Support

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Opposition Liberal, said he considered the interim guarantee given to Poland an instalment in the existing situation, and an indispensable instalment.

"The debate will not have been in vain if it makes clear to the world, that with the possible exception of a few individuals, the House is solidly united behind the policy, and that it will require the Government to act with the utmost promptness and vigour, both at home and abroad, to make it effective."

"Unless I am mistaken, the aim of the Government is less to make sure of victory in a possible war, than to stop war breaking out."

"The contention that Herr Hitler is

aiming at world domination is not now in dispute.

"Therefore, it is clear that the only way of stopping war is to build up an invincible resistance to aggression, and to make it clear to Hitler and his generals beyond any shadow of doubt, that if he attacks any of his neighbours, he will have to face war on two fronts."

While the British people, loathed war, they would never be able to negotiate successfully with Hitler so long as he knew that the British Government would shrink from war in the last resort.—*Reuter*.

### Churchill's Support

Mr. Winston Churchill ridiculed the idea that British policy aimed at enlargement. He had always preached the doctrine that similar assurances be given to Germany herself if she desired them.

"If Herr Hitler fears he will be overrun by Russia, that he will be fallen upon by Poland, that he will be browbeaten by Denmark, he has only to declare his anxiety openly in order to receive the most solemn international guarantees."

"It is wonderful," continued Mr. Churchill, "that led by the Prime Minister, Britain has at length declared in the clearest terms, and with almost unanimity, that the defence of European freedom and the reign of law constitute the cause in which she will dare all and do all."

"He would be a bold dictator who would deliberately set himself to destroy the French Republic and the British Empire acting together."

"The process of building up mutual security must continue. To stop with a guarantee to Poland is to halt in no-man's-land. I shall be glad, therefore, if Mr. Chamberlain repudiates attempts made to do away with the guarantee."

**Scale of World Peace**  
"The Government's action towards Russia is well-conceived. Russia is a ponderous counter-poise in the scales of world peace, and she is profoundly affected by German ambitions."

"For the first time, Britain has taken the initiative against aggression, and for the first time the Nazi leaders find themselves confronted with the possibility of war on two fronts."

Mr. David Lloyd George heartily congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on reverting to the policy on which he fought the last general election, namely, no cowardly surrender to aggressors.

"The Prime Minister has opened a new chapter in the history of this country, and the nations of the earth," said Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George emphasised the utmost importance of securing the pledged support of the greatest military power in the world, namely the Soviets. Having discussed strategic considerations, he said that if Poland gets into trouble with Germany, he would be unable to reach her, and she must rely on the Russians.—*Reuter*.

### "Clear The Decks"

Mr. Anthony Eden joined issue with Mr. Lloyd George on some

### Franco

## Lebrun May Become President Again

Paris, Apr. 3.  
President Lebrun's intention to stand for re-election was seen in his citation in to-day's speech at Montclair, of the late President Loutet's famous phrase "I did not come here for my pleasure, and I do not intend to clear up for others' pleasure."

A total of 158 Socialist Deputies, 14 Socialist Senators, 20 Republican-Socialists and a substantial number of Radical-Socialist deputies are opposing President Lebrun's re-election, but to-day's statement indicates he intends to defy the opposition and accept the invitation to stand for a second term.—*United Press*.

## LATE NEWS

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halved as far as communication between Singapore and London is concerned.

### THE NEW SCHEME

The scheme was worked out by the British Government in conjunction with Cable and Wireless, Ltd., and in consideration of the cancellation of certain rentals paid to the General Post Office, Cable and Wireless was to issue to the Government of the United Kingdom 2,000,000 shares of £1.

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strategical points raised during the debate.

He said that while half of Germany's military forces might be on Poland's frontier, at least half would be on the Western front, and an offensive on both fronts would be extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Another important difference compared with 1914 was that Turkey and Egypt were friendly.

Mr. Chamberlain, added Mr. Eden, has a united nation in support of the Government in foreign affairs. That was an immense value in negotiating with foreign Powers. The Government can rest assured that Mr. Chamberlain's speech interpreted exactly the feelings of the nation. (cheers).

Following a passage in Mr. Eden's speech in which he declared "we had better clear the decks and the order paper too," Mr. Eden said that the motion for the formation of a National Government on the widest possible basis had been withdrawn.—*Reuter*.

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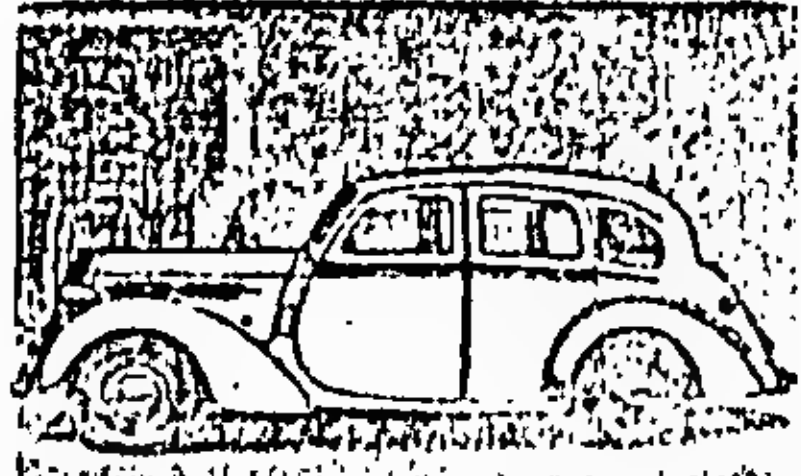
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## Chamberlain Challenges Hitler, Says—

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"A TREMENDOUS DEPARTURE FROM ANYTHING THIS COUNTRY HAS UNDERTAKEN," WAS THE DESCRIPTION APPLIED BY MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, THE PREMIER, TO THE NEW BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY WHICH HE OUTLINED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DURING THE DEBATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS YESTERDAY.

Germany's assurances, said the Premier, had been flung to the winds.

"That is a new fact which has completely destroyed confidence and forced the British Government to make the great departure in its policy towards Europe."

### IMMEDIATE AID

"If Poland is threatened, I have no doubt the Polish people would resist.

"In that case, the British declaration means that France and ourselves would immediately come to her assistance.

"The whole Empire approves our policy."

The Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, warmly supported the Premier.

### WORLD DOMINATION

"The contention that Herr Hitler is aiming at world domination is not now in dispute," he declared.

"It is clear that the only way of stopping war is to build up an invincible resistance to aggression, and to make it clear to Hitler and his generals, beyond any shadow of doubt, that if he attacks any of his neighbours, he will have to face war on two fronts."

## "We Welcome The Aid Of All Countries"

London, Apr. 3.

MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD initiated the Foreign Affairs debate in the House of Commons.

He declared his belief that when the House rose, it would be clear to the world that in Britain there was a universal detestation of recent events, and the determination of the British people to co-operate with all other nations in establishing a formidable and unsurpassable barrier against aggression.

At the same time he wished it to be clearly understood that Labour had not become "Yes-Men" to the National Government. Labour was concerned more with principles and policies than with persons.

So long as the Government carried out a plan which harmonised with Labour's considered view, it would meet with approval.

### Premier's Speech

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who was received with loud cheering, said the declaration of Friday last was a tremendous departure from anything this country had undertaken, and it constituted if not a new epoch, a new point in our foreign policy.

"We have departed from our traditional ideas," the Premier exclaimed.

"The declaration is not concerned with a frontier incident.

"If Poland were threatened, I have no doubt the Polish people would resist. In that case the declaration means that France and ourselves would immediately come to her assistance." (Cheers)

### Great Departure

"German assurances have now been flung to the winds.

"That is a new fact which has completely destroyed confidence, and forced the British Government to make the great departure of which I gave the first intimation on Friday.

"I am not asserting that a German challenge has been made officially, but it is no exaggeration to say that public opinion throughout the world has been profoundly shocked and alarmed.

"This country is united from end to end in the conviction that we must make our position clear and unmistakable, whatever may be the result.

### Not Man Of War

"I am no more a man of war today than I was in September. I have no intention and no desire to treat the great German people otherwise than I would have our own people treated here.

"I was looking forward with strong hopes to the result of the trade discussions, but confidence has been so grievously shaken that it is not easily restored.

"We have been obliged, therefore, to consider the situation afresh. We are now entering into a specific engagement. If this German policy were to be pursued, Poland would not be the only country in danger.

"We welcome the co-operation of any country, whatever its internal system of Government, not in aggression, but in the resistance to aggression.

### Empire's Approval

"The whole Empire approves our policy. I hope our action which has begun, but is not yet completed, will prove to be the turning point, not towards war, which wins and ends nothing, but towards some wholesome era when reason will take the place of force, and threats will make way for cool, well-marshalled arguments." (Cheers)

### Munich Accord

Referring to last September, Mr. Chamberlain said that it was possible then to believe the assurance which I gave the first intimation on Friday.

GUERRILLAS IN NORTH CHINA are constantly interrupting Japanese lines of communication, necessitating the use of aeroplanes for supplying isolated units with food and ammunition. This graphic photograph shows Japanese planes dropping supplies to marooned troops by parachute.

### Colony's Man-Power

## TARDY RESPONSE TO GOVT. CALL

THE COMPILATION of the Register of British European men in Hongkong is now under way.

Results so far, however, have been disappointing.

Although the registration forms were made available on April 1, less than a hundred men have sent in their replies.

Several thousand names are required before May 31, when the period of grace will expire.

In view of the tardiness of British subjects in making application, the Registration Bureau has commenced to send out pads of application forms to various offices, with the request that their British employees be handed copies.

It is emphasised, however, that failure to register before May 31 will place the onus on the person involved.

### COMPULSORY

Registration is compulsory for all British subjects between the ages of 18 and 55 years. Women are, for the time being, exempt.

Control of registration is in the hands of the Police (Special Branch). Applicants must give their names, age, place and date of birth, address, telephone number, profession or occupation, Navy, Military or Air Force Service. In addition they must state whether they are qualified in Aviation, Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering.

### Emergency Duties

It is believed that when the Register is completed, definite emergency duties will be allocated to every applicant, with the exception of those engaged on essential services. These exemptions have not yet been decided, but it is believed that will differ materially from the exemptions announced recently in England.

### A. R. P. Booklets In Chinese

THOUSANDS of Chinese residents in Hongkong are to receive specially published booklets in their own language on Air Raid Precautions.

Four A.R.P. booklets have been received by the A.R.P. Office from the printers and are now being distributed.

For the present, not more than 1,500 of each edition has been published.

In the event of an emergency, however, the A.R.P. booklets will become Hongkong's "best sellers," for arrangements have been made for house-to-house distribution to every part of the Colony.

In addition to the A.R.P. booklets in Chinese, booklets in English are available to applicants.

They give the first comprehensive answer to the question in Hongkong, "What shall I do in an air raid."

In addition to the Compulsory Register of British men resident in the Colony, a Voluntary Register of Chinese men is to be opened at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs this month.

The necessary forms are now being printed, it is understood.

NEWS OF a feverishly arming world is given in many of the cables from various Agencies received by the "Telegraph" to-day.

Here are condensed reports of the activities in world capitals, as cabled by "Reuter," "United Press," "Trans-Ocean" and "Domei."

### ITALY

The keel of a new Italian battleship of 35,000 tons was laid yesterday.

It is being built at the ship-building yard of Castellammare di Stabia in the Gulf of Naples.

### RUSSIA

The Soviet Government is planning to train 100,000 girls to replace men as tractor drivers in the event of an outbreak of war.

British and French army staffs are scheduled to confer with Soviet military authorities regarding the Russian army.

### AMERICA

Moving to speed up the expansion of the United States fleet, the U.S. Navy Department has called for bids by May 24 among private shipbuilders for the construction of eight new warships.

### FRANCE

The French Government has intensified the military programme with a decree for a national preliminary training system in order to obtain air force reserves.

The Rumanian Minister has proceeded to London. He is reported to be carrying King Carol's decision regarding the military pact.

### CANADA

CANADA'S current defence estimates are the highest since the great war, totalling £12,500,000.

The air estimate is more than doubled at £8,000,000. Eighty-three warplanes are to be added to the Royal Canadian Air Force, and new (Continued on Page 10.)

### SWING FROM HITLERISM

## SOVIET TO AID POLES

PARIS, Apr. 4.

THE MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT of "Havas" quoting information available in informed political circles at Moscow, declares that a secret agreement has been concluded between the Soviet Union and Poland regarding measures to be taken in the event of a war.

According to the report, in the event of emergency, the Soviet Union will supply munitions to Poland, while German markets will be closed to Soviet raw materials.

"L'Oeuvre" and "Les Temps" featured the "Havas" dispatch from Moscow. The impression has been strengthened that the Soviet Union, in response to the British guarantee to Poland, has launched a positive policy to assist Poland.—Domei.

### ACTIVE IN PARIS

PARIS, Apr. 3.

The Soviet Ambassador to Paris called on the French Foreign Minister to-day, while earlier, Sir Eric Phipps the British Ambassador paid a visit to the Quai d'Orsay to discuss matters arising out of the impending Anglo-Polish conversations.

It is understood that the Soviet Ambassador was asked to obtain from his Government the promise of a certain measure of assistance for Poland and Rumania in the event of an attack on those countries.

The nature of this assistance was not specified, but it is thought it may take the form of deliveries of food and war materials.—Trans-Ocean.

### British Pledge To Turkey

ISTANBUL, Apr. 3.

It is reported here that Britain is prepared to make an offer of assistance to Turkey similar to the pledge given to Poland. According to political circles in Ankara, the offer is to be made in the event of an Italian attack upon Turkey.—Trans-Ocean.

### Italian Troops Missing

Rome, Apr. 3.

Rumours circulating ten days ago, and verbally denied in official circles, that Italian troops were preparing a landing in Albania, were revived to-night, with reports that troops were standing by for an emergency, at Bari and Brindisi, and that some 20,000 men were concentrated in the district.

It is gathered in well-informed circles that whatever action Italy took, (Continued on Page 10.)

### RUMANIAN POSITION

Britain May Meet  
Arms Requirements

LONDON, Apr. 3.

IN THE House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler said that the British Government was prepared at all times to give sympathetic consideration to the possibility of meeting the armament requirements of Rumania, both in naval, and other spheres.

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked whether reports had been received of the presence of German troops and warplanes in Italy.

Mr. Butler declared that his reports did not confirm such statements.

Replying to a question on Danzig, Mr. Butler said that the question of Danzig would no doubt come up in the discussions with Colonel Beck.—Reuter.

### Anglo-French Guarantee

PARIS, Apr. 3.  
The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, will shortly go to Paris (Continued on Page 10.)

## LATEST

### All Must Sacrifice

LONDON, Apr. 4.—Morning newspapers emphasise the historic nature of the debate and of the policy now followed by Britain. They also stress the unanimity of all parties, emphasising at the same time that there is no intention of encircling Germany.

The "Daily Herald" urges that Britain should immediately invite Russia to put forward proposals to form a defensive pact and for securing a wider system of mutual aid.—Reuter.

### Historic Significance

LONDON, Apr. 4.

Sir John Simon, winding up the debate in the House of Commons, declared that everything that would make Britain stronger and more (Continued on Page 10.)

See Back Page For  
Further Late News

## HONGKONG JEWS AFFECTED BY LATEST BERLIN DECREE

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN JEWS residing in Hongkong must have the names "Israel" or "Sarah" stamped in their passports in conformity with a recent German decree. In addition, the letter "J" is also being stamped in their passports.

### PAGE TEN

THE DRAMATIC STORY of a Hongkong soldier's love for the dead wife of a man charged with murder in England was told in Court recently.

### PAGE TEN

HONGKONG is to be featured in a "March of Time." The camera-man is already in the Colony, taking the necessary "shots." The review will deal with social and political aspects of life in the Colony.

### PAGE TWO

A SINGAPORE report indicates that Jessie Mathew and Sonnie Hale may visit Hongkong shortly.

### PAGE FIVE

REPEATED JAPANESE efforts to dislodge the guerrillas from the slopes of the Lushan Mountains have been unavailing. The Chinese are still in control of Kuling.

### PAGE SEVEN

HONGKONG'S temperature this morning was the lowest ever recorded in the Colony for the month of April.

### PAGE TEN

### News Summary

### AMAZING ATTACK ON HONGKONG See Page Three

WASHINGTON commentators believe that Japan holds the key to the world's future as a result of the rift between Britain and Germany.

### PAGE THREE

THE FULL TEXT of the Russo-Japanese fishery agreement has been announced. It will last for twelve months and the Soviet makes several important reservations.

### PAGE SEVEN

DOCKYARDS in Hongkong are busy fitting ships of the British mercantile marine with gun mountings. Four inch guns are being mounted on

passenger and cargo liners as they enter the Colony.

SEVERE FIGHTING is in progress in Central China. Both sides are claiming successes.

### PAGE TWO

REACTIONS to Mr. Chamberlain's speech (given on Page 1 and 5) are varied. He is bitterly attacked by German and Italian newspapers.

### PAGE SEVEN

TUBERCULOSIS is increasing in Hongkong. Since the beginning of the year an average of 120 cases have been notified to the health authorities each week.

### PAGE TEN

TROOPING MOVEMENTS for the forthcoming season are announced. They disclose that an extra battalion will be stationed in Hongkong.

### PAGE FIVE

CHEAPER PRESS RATES are announced by Messrs. Cable & Wireless Ltd. They will apply between Hongkong and almost all parts of the Empire.

### PAGE FIVE

IN ADDITION to the debate on Foreign Affairs in the Commons, Lord Halifax made a statement in the House of Lords.



## War In China Latest

### Britain And Far East Shipping

Ex-P. & O. Chief On Need For Policy

The result of the Imperial Shipping Committee's investigation into the position of British shipping in Middle and Far Eastern waters—reported in the "Telegraph" last week—is described by Lord Cromley, former chairman of the P. and O. Line, as "a report so able, so thorough, and so completely informed that the situation cannot remain unchanged by it."

In a letter to The Times, Lord Cromley writes:—  
"The report of the Committee concludes with six specific recommendations which require action either by the British Government itself or in conjunction with other Empire Governments. A wide public will naturally be anxious to hear what Government action is to be taken on this matter."

"The boost of the Japanese that they have secured for their own ships 75 per cent. of the trade between India and Japan is only too true. If things go on as they are doing at present there seems nothing to prevent Japan securing something like 100 per cent. of that trade as well as a preponderant share of trade in the Orient generally."

"Apart altogether from the economic point of view, it is surely clear that very grave dangers of Imperial defence arise which will have to be faced unless we are prepared to surrender our whole position in the East."

#### PACIFIC TALKS

"A conference is to take place in New Zealand with regard to defence in the Pacific. May I venture to suggest that its task would be wholly incomplete unless it included a consideration of the British Empire Navy of Supply in the Pacific and Far Eastern waters. The Imperial Shipping Committee, in their report have made it clear that the problems of British shipping in the East require the co-operation of the various Empire Governments concerned."

"One of the most hopeful outcomes of the forthcoming conference would be a start in the creation of permanent machinery representative of the various Governments, to give prompt and active consideration to the grave questions so thoroughly dealt with by the Imperial Shipping Committee. It could then no longer be said, as the Committee so truly say in paragraph 366 of their report:—

"The nations of the British Empire... have no definite shipping policy in the Far East: they have, in this regard, no unity of purpose such as that which inspires the Japanese nation; nor any organization to initiate a common policy, and none to carry one out."

# OFFENSIVES BY BOTH SIDES: CHINESE CLAIM SUCCESSES

### Hongkong As March Of Time Subject

HONGKONG is to appear as a subject in the popular "March of Time" pictorial news shorts last Friday. Mr. V. Jurgens arrived here from the North to gather data for a Hongkong "March of Time". Mr. Jurgens, who is staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel, plans to devote three weeks of his time for the work.

Mr. Jurgens has already made two "March of Time" shorts—one in Japan and the other in Shanghai.

The Hongkong "March of Time" will deal with the Colony's position as it is to-day, and will be based on political and social problems.

### Stock Market Brightens

London, Apr. 3. Increased and continued trading owing to more confidence in the political situation was the most notable feature of the London Stock Exchange to-day, and prices in all sections improved.

Oils and Kaffirs were very prominent, closing around the day's best. Industries and gilt-edged holdings advanced steadily, and base metals were also well supported.

Among commodities, wheat eased owing to speculative unloading following the easier political situation.

Among foreign exchanges, sterling and most of the European currencies improved against the dollar in the belief that the week-end had seen the lessening of the international tension, while the belga was also favourably influenced by election results.—*Reuter Special.*

### Slovak-Hungary Border Pact

BUDAPEST, Apr. 3.—The Slovak-Hungarian frontier negotiations were successfully concluded this afternoon with the signing of the protocol whereby about 1,000 square miles of territory hitherto part of Slovakia will be handed over to Hungary before Easter.

The new Eastern frontier of Slovakia on the Hungarian side now begins in the North at the Polish frontier on the heights of the Czeremba and runs west of the townships of Zelenka, Tokesany, Kiskolom, Kendevesgyar, Alsobalus and Suresmezse.—*Trans-Ocean.*

## Han River Front Advances: Two Hopei Towns Retaken: Japanese N. Honan Drive

LOYANG, April 4. A JAPANESE combined unit of infantry and cavalry men launched a fresh drive towards the west of Wenhsien, on the north bank of the Yellow River in northern Honan, on Sunday. Fierce fighting has been raging at Nanwang, about three miles from Wenhsien.—*Central News.*

#### CHINESE GAIN GROUND

Icheang, Hupeh, Apr. 4. The Chinese troops who crossed the Han River to counter-attack the Japanese continue to gain ground.

Two Chinese regiments which crossed the River at Hungmao (Red Temple) have recaptured Sanhotang.

The west wharf at Changhsiang has been retaken by the Chinese. Japanese troops sent out from Chunghsiang were defeated, suffering some 200 casualties.

Tsachiao, about seven miles north of Yinghsien in east Hupeh, has been recaptured by the Chinese. Mochintai, a point in the neighbourhood, is under Chinese menace.—*Central News.*

#### CHINESE OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH SHANSI

Shang, Apr. 4. Following their sweeping victory over the Japanese who attempted to drive towards Pinglu and Mochintai, important Yellow River crossing in south Shansi, Chinese forces are now engaged in a vigorous enveloping attack on Changhsien, south of Hsianghsien, and Mainanmen, west of Pinglu.

Changhsien, latest military dispatches received here indicate, is surrounded on three sides by the Chinese.

The Chinese offensive on Mainanmen followed their recapture of Hsianghsien in the vicinity last Saturday.

Fierce fighting is proceeding at Mainanmen. The Chinese have brought their heavy artillery into action, severely pounding at the battle-torn town. The Japanese are resisting stubbornly.

Bitter combats are reported to be still raging in the vicinity of Juichien, southwest of Chiehshien, which fell into Japanese hands recently.

It is now revealed that one of five Japanese planes which assisted the Japanese ground forces in their drive on Juichien on March 29, was shot down by Chinese defence units. It crashed outside the south city gate.—*Central News.*

#### CHINESE RETAKE TWO TOWNS

Chengchow, Apr. 4. Two important towns in south Hopei, Ninghsien and Chingyun, east of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line near the Shantung border, were wrested back from Japanese hands by Chinese forces last Saturday, according to a report reaching here to-day.

The Chinese launched a surprise attack on the Japanese and Chinese irregulars under Japanese employment in both places simultaneously that day. Following a pitched battle the invaders were driven away and the Chinese re-entered the towns.

At Ninghsien, the "puppet" magistrate, Wang Wen-chi, and six of his subordinates, were captured by the Chinese.—*Central News.*

#### KIANGSI FIGHTING

Shushui, Apr. 4. Fighting in Kiangsi still centres around Kuoan, on the Nanchang-Changsha highway.

Japanese drives on the town so far have been unsuccessful. After suffering reverses at the hands of the Chinese, the Japanese invading Fushingkuang, a strategic point northwest of Kuoan, were heavily reinforced yesterday and continued their thrust toward Kuoan.

Japanese troops occupying Wuning, about 70 miles northwest of Nanchang, made feeble thrusts toward the southwest of Kuoan, but were repulsed.

The Japanese occupying Nanchang are maintaining an outer fence line at Tsinan, Fenghsien and Anyi to forestall any Chinese attempt to recapture the city.—*Central News.*

#### SIAN AGAIN BOMBED

Sian, Apr. 4. Seventeen Japanese planes subjected Sian, provincial capital of Shensi, to another severe air raid yesterday dropping 45 bombs in the heart of the city.

As the civilians had taken adequate refuge, only seven persons were killed and more than 30 wounded.

The property loss, however, was considerable, as more than 100 houses were demolished by the explosives or collapsed as a result of the terrific concussion.

While returning to their base, the Japanese raiders dropped one missile at Paychien, near Weinan, northeast of Sian.—*Central News.*

#### SURFACE REACH NANCHANG

Shanghai, Apr. 3. The waterway between Poyang Lake and Nanchang was successfully reopened when surface vessels of the Japanese Yangtze Flotilla reached the Kiangsi capital to-day following a fortnight's hazardous cruise up the lower reaches of the Kan River breaking the blockade through a 40-mile stretch from Wucheng.

According to a communique issued by the Japanese Fleet Headquarters, Chinese stragglers showed stubborn resistance along the banks of the Kan River. The Japanese sweeping flotilla forced its way through several strongly-built booms, the communique adds.—*Domei.*

#### PRINCE TAKAMATSU RETURNS TO TOKYO

Tokyo, Apr. 4. H.I.H. Lt.-Commander Prince Nobuhito Takamatsu, second younger brother of the Emperor, who has been touring North China, arrived back at Tokyo on Monday afternoon.

His Highness accompanied the Japanese naval forces in occupying Hainan Island early in February and later visited various places in South and Central China.—*Domei.*

SERIOUS FIGHTING SOUTHEAST OF NANCHANG

Tungshing, Kiangsi, Apr. 3. Serious fighting is proceeding at Linshu, between Nanchang and Tsinhsien, about 32 miles southwest of Nanchang, where the Chinese are vigorously resisting the attack of a Japanese unit.—*Central News.*

More than 400 Japanese launched an attack on the Chinese positions at Nanyueh Dyke, near Hsianghsien, on the south bank of the Yellow River in northern Honan, but were repulsed by the Chinese defenders on Saturday, according to a military report just received.—*Central News.*

FIERCE RAGES NEAR KAOAN

Kwelin, Apr. 3. Fierce fighting is raging to the northeast of Kuoan on the Nanchang-Wantsai highway between two Japanese infantry regiments and one artillery company and Chinese defence forces. Despite terrific pounding away at Chinese positions from the Japanese artillery emplacements, the defenders hold the ground with little loss.—*Central News.*

#### Bitter Fighting At Kongmoon

Szowul, Apr. 4. Bitter fighting continues around Kongmoon, according to latest field dispatches.

Crack Chinese reinforcements have arrived to assist in the counter-offensive against the Japanese. Chinese able-bodied civilians have been organized and deployed at various vantage points to harass the invaders.—*Central News.*

## More Refugees Rush To Hongkong

HONGKONG is directly affected by the Japanese invasion of Kongmoon-Sunwui area.

Crowds of refugees from the war-torn cities about 65 miles west of Hongkong have been flocking in since the Japanese started their attack on Kongmoon last week.

Yesterday, according to an estimate, 3,000 people from the area arrived Hongkong via Macao aboard steamboats.

With complete interruption of direct communication between Macao and Kongmoon, transportation of all goods from Hongkong to Kongmoon via Macao, which has been the only route left open for Hongkong exports to the Canton Delta since the fall of Canton, is practically at a standstill.

Cargoes on board steamers which left Hongkong for M. yesterday were greatly reduced in comparison with those before the fall of Kongmoon.

The only line now indirectly connecting Hongkong with the fighting area is via Siam, Shecki and Macao, on which most of the refugees coming to Hongkong travel.

It is feared that communication along this last line to Hongkong will be cut at any time with the extension of the Japanese operations.

#### OFFICIAL FIGURES

A steady increase in the number of occupants of Government refugee camps is shown by the figures supplied by the Director of Medical Services, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, when compared to those of the previous four weeks.

The total, including 793 soldiers, is 11,994 at the week ending April 1 as compared with 11,929 the week before, 11,711 the week before that and 11,296 four weeks ago.

Since the week ending March 11 (the greatest increases have been at Kam Tin and Man Kam To but King's Park, Ma Tau Chung (civilians) and North Point centres have all been materially increased).

The Director's figures for the week ending April 1 are given followed by the figures for the preceding three weeks in brackets:

Urban Area Camps: (a) Civilians. King's Park 1,629 (1,489, 1,511, 1,449); Ma Tau Chung 1,949 (1,040, 1,005, 903); North Point 1,004 (1,052, 1,045, 1,008); (b) Soldiers. Lai Chi Kok Hospital (Upper Ward) 21 (27, 27, 35); Ma Tau Chung 772 (771, 771, 767).

Rural Area Camps: Kam Tin 3,459 (3,321, 2,998, 2,840); Fanling, North 814 (815, 827, 813); Fanling, South 963 (1,002, 1,041, 1,021); Gil's Cutting 907 (859, 877, 859); Man Kam To 1,021 (1,147, 1,160, 1,110). Totals 11,994 (11,929, 11,711, 11,296).—*Domei.*

## Japan Starts New Air Service

TOKYO, Apr. 4.—Carrying five passengers, the Douglas airliner of the Japan Aviation Corporation hopped off from Yokohama at 6 o'clock this morning for Sulpan to inaugurate a regular air service between the main island of Japan and the South Seas.

Negotiating a maiden route of 1,400 nautical miles extending over the Pacific Ocean, in about 8 hours, the first airliner on the Japan-South Seas service will arrive on Sulpan Island at 4 o'clock this afternoon.—*Domei.*

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R 20380. La Boheme. Act 1. "Che gelida manina" (Your Tiny Hand) (Puccini.)  
Martha. Act 3. "Ach so fromm" (Like A Dream.) (Flotow.)  
R 20269. Turandot. ("Non Piangere Liu") (Puccini.) Jan Klepura. ("Nessun Dorma") (Sung in German.)

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BALANCE OF POWER

# JAPAN MAY HOLD KEY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3.—Diplomatic quarters in Washington express the opinion that Japan holds the key to the world's future as a result of the rift between Germany and Britain.

Latest developments are likely to precipitate a new balance of power in which the United States will be impelled to join.

Japan, with her vast armies schooled in war and her naval construction programme, may be forced to choose between allegiance to the Rome-Berlin axis and diplomatic independence.

MILITARY AXIS

Observers here believe that Japan's entry into the Rome-Berlin military axis would produce a co-ordination so powerful that most other countries would be constrained towards a common diplomatic purpose for their own safety.

Japan remains independent militarily, she might be able to present a swift crystallisation of the two great blocs.

Unfettered Role

Some experts hold the belief that Japan is strong enough to play an unfettered role in the world of politics, bargaining not only for her own national advantage but conceivably for restored order in the Far East.

The United States obvious interest in Japan's alignment or non-alignment in the Axis would be determined by the degree to which Japan might become a party to world-wide "power politics" and the effect of her position on the control of the Pacific.

"Watch Europe"

Tokyo, Apr. 4.—Japan must completely and immediately change her policy towards Great Britain, declares the "Nichi Nichi Shimbun," which is the Japanese army's mouthpiece.

The newspaper adds: "Japan must now watch Europe too, and events may compel her to strengthen the anti-Communist Pact, whether the Governments like it or not."—Reuters.

## New President Of Turkey

Istanbul, Apr. 3.—The election of Ismet Inonu as President of the Turkish Republic was confirmed when the sixth Grand National Assembly met in Ankara today.

Refik Saydam and his Government formally resigned, but was at once reappointed to office by the President. However, two new Ministries were created.

The Ministry of Traffic was separated from the Ministry for Public Works, the new Ministry being taken over by the present Labour Minister, Ali Cakmak.

A separate Ministry of Commerce has been created as complement of the Ministry of Economics—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER'S BIRTHDAY

BERLIN, Apr. 3.—Herr Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday on April 20 will be celebrated with great national festivities, the central feature of which will be a military parade on a scale far greater than ever witnessed in Berlin before.—Trans-Ocean.

# HONG-KONG

*ou l'on s'amuse  
ou l'on trafique, ou l'on vole,  
ou l'on tue* et dont les prisons sont pleines...

A REPRODUCTION OF THE HEADING IN "HEBDO"

## Paris Magazines Grotesque Libel On Hongkong And Our People

"Hongkong—where they laugh, trade, steal and kill, and where the prisons are full up."

This is the heading for an extraordinary article on Hongkong, published recently in the Paris magazine "Hebdo."

The article is signed by Howard Bruce. It alleges that Hongkong has 3,000 hotels, and the only people who have a steady trade are the policemen and the Station-Master!

"Hongkong lives and moves with the jitters from sun-rise to sun-set and from sun-set to sun-rise," Howard claims. Most Hongkong people, he claims, gets their money without much work.

On an average there are between 2,000 and 3,000 arrests every week, but "never anyone arrested is able to do his term in prison because for the last five years the prisons have been full up."

"Of ten people you meet in the street at least one third are escaped prisoners."

"The most popular sport in Hongkong is stealing."

Below we give a translation of the article in full:

"One Chinese City (Chinese in name only because it is a British Possession) centralises at the moment the activity of the Chinese Empire."

"That city, a compound of races, of fight and of trade, this Asiatic Chicago, is Hongkong."

"Until recently Shanghai was more important than Hongkong, but since a few months the British port of the 'Rising Sun' has become the great city of the Yellow Continent."

"Hongkong is a yellow

Chicago with an addition of a small New York."

"Leprous Walls"

"The Old City with its leprous walls is built on the hillside beside the fishing port."

"The modern city is spread around the commercial harbour. Hongkong has three thousand hotels, three hundred and fifty thousand Europeans, one million Asiatics and from twenty thousand to thirty thousand Americans and Australians."

"But these live not on exportation, nor on any productive work, but have created a mixture of occupation which is unique in the world."

"In Hongkong, people live, exclusively by trade and on that account there is not an empty hour in that city of wonders."

"A complete anarchy exists in the organisation of trade."

"One can almost say that there are only two kinds of citizens in Hongkong who have a steady occupation. The Policeman and the Station Master."

"The modern city which is around the central square is built of blocks of buildings looking night and day like an anthill."

Everybody Rushes

"During the day everybody rushes about closing a few deals and going to the banks (Hongkong is the city in the Far East which has the most banks). Then the people go and have tea in one of the hundreds of fashionable tea-houses, then return to the hotel for a rest, and then at 6 o'clock again rush to the club where one meets the most incredible individuals gathered there, no one knows why or how."

"In this fashion Hongkong lives and moves with the jitters from sun-rise to sun-set and from sun-set to sun-rise."

"At the 'Montmartre' or at the 'Montparnasse' or at the 'Gay Paris,' the same crowd rushes and after having walked all day long on the promenade, the shop windows of which are equal to those of Paris and New York, the people still find time to go and dance in the godowns, or basements of the cabarets. Most people get their money without much work. Hongkong had to become, therefore, one of the most colourful spots on the earth."

All Criminals

"On an average there are between 2,000 to 3,000 arrests every week in Hongkong, but never anyone arrested is able to do his term in prison because for the last 5 years the prisons of Hongkong have been full up."

"There has been no more room since 1933 and therefore only those with sentences of at least 4 years are put in prison."

"The others condemned are sent to Singapore."

"As a matter of fact they all escape, so that of 10 people you meet

in the street at least one-third are escaped prisoners."

Most Popular Sport

"Gambling is almost as universal in Hongkong as in Macao, that hell city which is a shame on humanity."

"The most popular sport in Hongkong is stealing. People steal a little everywhere."

"One can easily imagine that Hongkong is heaven to thieves when one realises that the Judges have only just got time to pass sentence on murderers, for whom there is not even room in the prisons."

"There is no insurance for the past 5 years where a man who wears his watch and chain on his waistcoat has not had his pocket picked at least once."

"There are 3 big hotels in Hongkong, the Metropole being the most popular, though the other 2 have also a high class clientele, but there are 2,997 other hotels."

"These are the 'free' hotels which the police control from time to time only."

"In fact the police never control them as they are too busy trying to arrest murderers."

"The 3 main hotels have rooms with safes and their clients are instructed to put everything they have in these safes."

"No insurance companies insure against theft and burglary in Hongkong. Their risk ceases on arrival of the steamer in port."

"In every room of the hotels there are notices 'Beware of Pickpockets' which also give recommendations against thefts which are daily occurrences in Hongkong."

70 Per Cent. Thieves

"Hongkong is the most dishonest town in the world."

"The head of the police in Hongkong is 'Mr. E. R. G.' (the name mentioned in the article is unknown)"

(Continued on Page 9).

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## BRITISH ENVOY ARRIVING

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected. NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA. Hongkong, 4th April, 1939.

### Missing Man Discovered

A sailor who arrived from England by the trampship Elfrida on Saturday was discovered by police this morning wandering in a dazed condition through the city.

He was Commissioned Gunner H. J. Hope.

Posted to H.M.S. Decoy on arrival here, Hope was reported missing yesterday afternoon.

He is now in the Naval Hospital.

Mrs. W. Arnold, Hunan Road, has reported the loss of a handbag containing \$80 in money and jewellery from the house yesterday.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

**DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**A. W. HUGHES,**  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**A. W. HUGHES,**  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Friday, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**A. W. HUGHES,**  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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## G. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4132	Between Kowloon Inland Lot Nos. 2933 & 4044, Ma Tau Chung Road, Ma Tau Chung	as per sale plan.	About 9,660	\$110	\$12,250

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4133	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Kwai Sang St., Ma Tau Chung	As per sale plan.	About 4,000	\$46	\$5,923

### THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1939, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**M. Y. TANG,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

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Examination for Local Clerks

Applicants are informed that those selected to attend the examination on 11th April will be notified separately. No further applications can be considered.

## C. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tau, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4134	Opposite Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3495, Bedford Rd., Tai Kok Tau	As per sale plan.	About 7,200	\$132	\$14,400

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#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
4	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4135	Junction of Pak Tai St. & Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Kok	as per sale plan.	About 5,497	\$56	\$5,523

### Escobar Retains His Title

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Apr. 2. Sixto Escobar retained the world's bantamweight title to-night, outpointing Kayo Morgan from Detroit in 15 rounds.—Reuter.

Morgan scored in the early rounds with lefts to the face and with right punches to the body. Escobar retaliated in the sixth with a slashing attack which cut both of his opponent's eyes. Escobar continued the attack for the next four rounds, and Morgan appeared to be on the verge of a knock-out.

The American rallied towards the end, driving Escobar to the ropes, but the champion had command of a deserved verdict.—Reuter.

### Black Eye Was Exhibit No. 1

WITH HIS left eye heavily bandaged, a bus conductor of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company appeared before Mr. Himmworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court today as complainant in an assault, and failing to pay the legal bus fare, case against Chau Hon-shing, 18, described as a student.

Sub-Inspector Whelan asked Mr. Himmworth to remand the case for 24 hours as the Bus Company intended to instruct their solicitor to take charge of the case. The remand was made.



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### FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

**STOCKS:** Mr. Neville Chamberlain reaffirms the British determination to defend Poland. It is reported that Signor Mussolini has been invited to mediate between Britain and Germany. Britain is considering filling the armaments needs of Rumania.

All parties agree that the London market is firm. Our own market held better to-day, but evidence of an upturn is still inconclusive. Steel mill operations are down 1.2 per cent. The United States Steel Corp.'s first-quarter output averaged 52 per cent. of capacity. A Congressional Committee finds the Tennessee Valley Authority's rates an honest yard-stick.

Distilling companies are concerned regarding the prospects of additional liquor taxes pending in fifteen States.

**RUBBER:** The market here was only steady, in spite of the firmness in London and Singapore.

**GRAINS:** Farmers' compliance with the Government's agricultural programme is indicated as much larger than in 1938.

**COTTON:** The Senate has adopted the Bankhead Bill, permitting farmers to re-possess 3,000,000 bales of cotton on payment of 5 cents per pound and a pledge to curtail acreage. Quick action by the House of Representatives is indicated.

### LONDON AVERAGES:

	MARCH 31	APRIL 3
Industrial Average	95.0	97.8
Rails Average	55.0	55.1

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6.00 p.m. Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) Outside of Paradise; (b) Lullaby in Rhythm; (c) I'm Madly in Love with You; (d) Miss Annabella Brown; Record. Love in Bloom (Ranger); I Hate Myself (Ager).... Sydney Torch, Organ.

(a) Loch Lomond; (b) When the Hunter is in Bloom; (c) Believe Me; (d) I found my Yellow Basket; Records. Melody for Two (Dublin); September in the Rain (Dublin); James Melton; Rains! The Rent (from Cotton Club Revue).... Roy Burg and Ramona.

(a) I'll Dream To-night; (b) My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean; (c) Solitude; (d) Yes, We have No Bananas.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.0 A Variety Programme. St. Louis Blues (Handy).... The Boswell Sisters; We Agree Perfectly (Coolie) and On Top of a Bus (Arden).... Len Bermon with Orchestra; Everything's in Rhythm with my Heart (from "First a Girl"); The Little Silk Worm (Hoffman).... Jessie Matthews; Flanagan and Allen-Memories—Introducing—Can't we Meet Again, A Million Tears, Underneath the Arches, Wanderer, Dreaming, Where the Arches used to Be.... Flanagan and Allen; Medley, Intro. The Girl in the Little Green Hat; This is Romance, My Heart Tramped over the Moon.... Len Bermon with Orchestra; Let Yourself Go (Berlin) and I'm Putting All my Eggs in One Basket.... The Boswell Sisters.

8.00 Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Terence Casey (Organ).

Parade of the Wedding; Wedding of the Parades; Waltzland—A Medley of Waltzes.

8.15 Studio—Hal Lorenzo (Piano) and Toby Gray (Accordeon).

8.45 The Comedy Harmonists.

Liebeslied (Kreutzer); Humoreske (Dvorak); How Can it Be? (Folk Song); Congo Lullaby (from "Sanders of the River"); Love me a Little To-day (Brodszky).

9.00 London Relay—"Accent on Rhythm".

A further selection of dance tunes, some new, some old, arranged by James Moody. The Singers—Anna Meakin and Jack McCafferty; The Players—George Allsop (Guitar) and James Moody (Piano).

9.15 London Relay—The News.

9.30 London Relay—"Food for Thought".

Short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Report.

9.50 Maria Olaszewska—Contralto. Sapphic Ode; Die Mainacht (Brahms).

9.57 Brahms—Double Concerto in A Minor Op. 102.

Played by Thibaud (Violin) and Casals (Cello) with the Pablo Casals Orchestra cond. by Alfred Cortot.

10.30 London Relay—An Organ Recital.

From St. George's Chapel, Windsor by W. H. Harris with an introductory talk by Owen Morshed, C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C., Librarian to His Majesty the King.

## POST OFFICE.

### INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Australia and Manila	Nellore	April 4.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.		
29th March:		
Shanghai and Swatow	Kayong	April 5.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Kingsu	April 5.
Japan	London Maru	April 5.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 29th March	Pan American Airways Plane	April 5.
Japan	Shirata	April 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Antenor	April 6.
Japan	Anjo Maru	April 7.
Haiphong	Canton	April 7.
Shanghai	Conte Verde	April 7.

### OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	Tues., April 4, 7 p.m.
Wednesday		
Foochow via Swatow	Wunan	Wed., Apr. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Wosung	Wed., Apr. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Mingsung	Wed., Apr. 5, 1 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	Wed., Apr. 5, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Tsinan	Wed., Apr. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 12th April.	Pan American Airways Plane	Wed., Apr. 5, K.P.O.
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	Ord.	Apr. 5, 5.30 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Apr. 6, 7.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Muihook	Wed., April 5, 7 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow	Kwelyang	Thurs., Apr. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Straits, Penang, Antenor	Antenor	Thurs., April 6, G. F. O. and K. F. O.
Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Marseilles and London—due London, 11th May.	Parcels	April 6, 1 p.m.
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, (Parcels and Papers only London Maru for South Africa via Durban)		Thurs., Apr. 6, 2.30 p.m.



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## Hongkong Will Arm Ships

AS PART of the £80,000 scheme for the equipping of British merchant ships with gun mountings, the Tai Koo and Kowloon docks in Hongkong have been authorised to undertake certain structural alterations to vessels calling at Hongkong.

The appropriation is contained in this year's Naval Estimates, which were published in detail in the "Telegraph" last week.

According to London reports, about 75 per cent. of British merchant shipping is to be equipped with the mountings.

Not only in Hongkong, but at other private dockyards in the Empire, a large number of passenger liners, cargo vessels and oil tankers have already been fitted.

It is emphasised in the London reports that the work has been going on for some time and, indeed, was commenced long before the present international crisis.

The majority of the ships, according to the reports published in London, are being mounted with bases for 4in. guns.

Some vessels—those which will have the vital task of carrying food and raw materials in war zones—will have mountings capable of standing up to the strain of guns of heavier calibre than four inches.

It is a well-known fact that this type of work is an established custom with ships of certain other Powers.

They are said to carry the guns and ammunition on every trip in their holds, ready to be mounted at a minute's notice.

## Many Die In Chikhom Raid

Lienhsien, Apr. 4. It is now revealed that more than 100 non-combatants in Chikhom, in north-east Lulelow Peninsula, were killed and wounded during a terrible Japanese air raid on March 29.

Six machines took part in the bombing, dropping scores of missiles in the densely-populated areas of the town.—Central News.

## NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION.—How many new merchant ships were launched in 1938?  
ANSWER.—1,119 vessels, with a tonnage of 3,033,592, the highest world total for 17 years. The figures were issued by Lloyd's Register of Shipping.  
Q.—What proportion of the world launchings was made from British berths?  
A.—74 per cent. of the total, or 1,030,375 tons. The percentage compares unfavourably with the 1930 figures, when Britain launched more than half the world's new merchant vessels.  
Q.—What was the biggest vessel launched in the year?  
A.—The new liner Queen Elizabeth, 85,000 tons. She is the largest ship in the world. (The Normandie is 83,000 tons and the Queen Mary 81,000 tons.)

## ANOTHER BATTALION FOR H.K.

THE MIDDLESEX are due to leave Hongkong in the next troopship programme, details of which were released by the military authorities this morning.

The full programme so far as it affects Hongkong and Shanghai, is as follows:

1st Battalion, Highland Light Infantry from Fort George, Scotland, to Shanghai.

2nd Battalion, East Surrey Regiment from Shanghai to Hongkong.

1st Battalion Seaforth Highlanders from Shanghai to Boreilly, India.

1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers from Palestine to Hongkong.

1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, from Hongkong to Malta.

This programme, which will take place at the end of this year and the beginning of next, will be seen to remove one battalion from Shanghai and place one extra battalion at Hongkong.

## DEBATE IN LORDS

LONDON, Apr. 3. VISCOUNT HALIFAX made a statement on foreign affairs in the House of Lords to-day.

He referred to the recent declaration on Poland, and declared that contacts with the French Government throughout these anxious times had been very close.

The two governments found themselves at one on all points, and His Majesty's Government had constantly been able to count on the ready and wholehearted co-operation of the French.

Making observations on the scope and purpose of Mr. Chamberlain's statement on Poland, Viscount Halifax said that after Herr Hitler's speech of January 30 last, it seemed possible to hope that nothing would occur to shake confidence in Europe.

### APPREHENSION

His Majesty's Government was anxious to co-operate, and with that end in view, the President of the Board of Trade accepted an invitation to visit Berlin in order to assist in the trade negotiations.

Viscount Halifax recalled the German occupation of Bohemia and Moravia, and added: "It is not necessary for me to stress the apprehension to which this action gave rise."

"The incorporation in the Reich of nearly 8,000,000 Czechs was clearly a departure from the principles which Herr Hitler had hitherto proclaimed."

"It was not unnatural in the light of such a departure, for other countries bordering on Germany to feel that their independence might equally be in jeopardy."

### Other Governments

It seemed important for His Majesty's Government to take steps to re-establish some measure of confidence in Europe, and His Majesty's Government had been in communication with certain other governments. These consultations were still proceeding, and Viscount Halifax said he was not in a position to make any final statement.

"I may say at once," added Viscount Halifax, "that the Government is fully alive to the importance of the attitude of the Soviet Government, and it attaches value to good relations with Russia."

"We are bound to have regard to the fact that the relations of some States with Russia are complicated, but I can assure the House that so far as His Majesty's Government is concerned, these difficulties do not exist."

Referring to the arrival of Colonel Josef Beck, Viscount Halifax said he was looking forward to a frank discussion with him on the many problems of common interest.

### Not Encircling Reich

Again referring to the Government's action regarding Poland, the Foreign Secretary said that this was represented in certain quarters as a desire to encircle Germany. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Viscount Halifax added: "It is a case that a strong Germany is set in the midst of Europe, and if her neighbours feel apprehension as to her intentions, and in the end take common action in self-defence, that result flows from an instinctive reaction, and certainly is not the creation of any outside departure in British policy."

"We have undertaken this commitment, not in any spirit of hostility to any country, but in the hope and belief that by so doing, we might strengthen the cause of European stability and peace."

### Labour View

Lord Snell, giving the Labour Party's view, said: "The Government have our support in the statement we have just heard, and we welcome the change of policy it implies."

Lord Crewe, Opposition Liberal, also supported the statement.

Lord Arnold, Independent, expressed surprise at the Opposition view that there should be no immediate debate.

The House then adjourned.—*Reuter.*

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Canada arrived at Kobo at 7.30 a.m. yesterday.

## JESSIE MATTHEWS MAY VISIT HONGKONG SOON

LONDON REPORTS published in Singapore papers last week state that Jessie Matthews, the popular British film and stage actress, and her equally well-known husband, Sonnie Hale, are planning to visit the Far East.

The report states that they are expected in Singapore shortly, but does not mention whether Hongkong is included in their itinerary.

Jessie has recovered from recent illness and has been rehearsing her dancing again in London.

Just over a month ago, she collapsed with nervous trouble, and was too ill even to read her correspondence.

Now she and her husband, Sonnie Hale, are going ahead again with plans for a spring show, which will tour Britain, after which they will come on holiday to the Far East.

### CHINA IN THE COMMONS

## LIVE WIRE BARRICADES AROUND CONCESSIONS

LONDON, Apr. 3. MR. I. C. HANNAH asked the Government in the House of Commons to-day what reply had been received from the Japanese Government to the British Government's representations against surrounding the British and French Concessions at Tientsin with barricades of live wire, and what action the British Government had taken to secure protection and freedom of movement as well as means of subsistence for Britons and their employees in Tientsin.

Mr. R. A. Butler said that the restrictions were lifted on February 8 though the barriers remained. No reports had reached him regarding interruption of food supplies. The situation generally aroused some uneasiness, and the British representation continued to request the restoration of normal conditions.

In another answer, Mr. Butler stated that Lord Halifax was expecting a report on the reported anti-British agitation which was being carried on by the Nanking Provisional Government.—*Reuter.*

### Tsingtao Harbour

LONDON, Apr. 3.

Several questions about Tsingtao were addressed to Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons to-day, who replied that Sir Robert Craigie had been informed by the Japanese vice-minister for Foreign Affairs on March 23 that, subject to certain restrictions, the commercial harbour was to be re-opened on March 25.

Foreign vessels at present were to be confined to three berths, and the use of the warehouses on the wharves was temporarily permitted.

In fact one oil-tanker wharf and two berths on No. 1 wharf were officially open and either being used or were expected to be available for vessels in the next few days.

### Pearl River

Mr. Butler added that the British Government welcomed this action by the Japanese Government as the first step towards restoration of more normal conditions in ports under Japanese control.

In a written reply to Mr. Walter Smiles, Mr. F. A. Butler stated that the Pearl River was not yet reopened to the British, but His Majesty's Government was taking all possible steps to secure its re-opening as soon as possible.—*Reuter.*

## Chinese Junks Searched

Swallow, Apr. 4.

More than fifty Chinese fishing junks off the coast of Swallow were forced on April 2 by three Japanese warships to sail to Namoa Island where they were thoroughly searched.

All the junks aboard which arms that the fishermen kept for self-defence were found were set on fire and the crew thrown into the sea.

Enraged by the Japanese merciless act, three Chinese fishermen attacked and killed three Japanese soldiers and escaped by swimming.—*Central News.*

LONDON, Apr. 3.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, who is 74, has left London on advice to take some weeks of complete rest and change.—*Reuter Special.*

## Cheaper Rates For Press Cable & Wireless Announce Cut

Big reductions in cable rates for Hongkong Press telegrams to and from most Empire destinations are announced to take effect from April 15. A flat rate of 15 cents (H.K.) a word has been fixed.

The exceptions are Palestine, Transjordan, Sudan and Canada. The 15 cent rate compares with the existing rate of 50 cents from Hongkong to England, Australia and New Zealand.

The introduction of a cheap flat rate for press messages is in conformity with the policy of maintaining intact the system of Imperial communications, and to enable the Empire to have a comprehensive British news service concerning world events.

It follows the introduction a year ago of a flat rate scheme for non-press cables within the Empire. By that scheme, the former rates were reduced to 15 cents a word for cables to and from the Empire, and 25 cents a word for cables to and from the rest of the world.

The scheme was worked out by the British Government in conjunction with Cable and Wireless, Ltd., and in consideration of the cancellation of certain rentals paid to the General Post Office, Cable and Wireless was to issue to the Government of the United Kingdom 2,600,000 shares of £1.

For many years the Empire Press Union has urged the introduction of a cheap flat rate for Press cables within the Empire, and although the new rate is not the "penny a word" rate advocated by the union, it represents an appreciable reduction on existing rates.

The reductions are certain to be a boon to the Empire, particularly in the smaller colonies where newspapers are forced to restrict overseas cables to a minimum owing to the high cable charges.

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## Unemployment Drops 170,000

LONDON, Apr. 3.—The improvement in employment in almost every industry in Great Britain during the past month is reflected in the figures showing a decrease of 160,000 unemployed on March 13, compared with February 13.

The total unemployed was 1,720,000, this being the lowest number since December, 1937.—*Reuter Special.*

### A.B. DIES IN HOSPITAL

The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Naval Hospital of Able Seaman Cyril Herbert Boxall, at the age of 23. He was attached to H.M.S. Birmingham.

The funeral will leave the Naval Hospital at 4 o'clock this afternoon, for the Colonial Cemetery.

### COMMONS DEBATE

## Grave British Warning To Aggressors

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had been given to him, and not to him only, but to the world, that the German Government had no wish to dominate other races, but that all they wanted was to assimilate Germans living in adjacent territories within their own country.

"We were told that when that was done, it would be the end. That there would be no further territorial ambitions. Those assurances have now been thrown to the winds absolutely."

"It has completely destroyed confidence, and forced the British Government to make this great departure, of which I gave the first intimation last week."

"We are now told that there are other reasons for the recent events in Czechoslovakia—historical associations and fear of attack. They may be excellent reasons, but they do not proceed with the assurances given before. (cheers.)"

### Further Expansion

"It was inevitable that they should raise doubts as to whether other reasons might not be found for further expansion. I am not asserting to-day that this challenge has been made, but I do state that I know of no one who has ever formulated such an ambition, although there has been plenty of unofficial talks. But the effects of these recent events have penetrated far beyond the limits of the countries concerned; probably far further than was anticipated by those who brought them about."

Referring to the suggested encirclement of Germany, Mr. Chamberlain continued: "It is fantastic to suggest that our policy, which is a policy of self-defence, can be described as encirclement, if by that term is meant encirclement for the purpose of aggressive action."

"I do not wish to-day to attempt to specify what governments we may now, or in the near future, find it desirable to consult on the situation, but I would make one allusion to the Soviet Union because I appreciate that the Soviet Union is always in the thoughts of the Opposition, and that they are still a little suspicious as to whether so-called ideological differences may not be dividing us in what otherwise would be in the interests of us both."

### Ideology

"I do not pretend for one moment, that ideological differences do not exist. They remain unchanged. But our point is that whatever may be those ideological differences, they do not really count in a question of this kind. What we are concerned with is to preserve our independence. Here, I mean the independence of all States which may be threatened by aggression."

"We therefore welcome co-operation with any country whatever may be its internal system of government, not in aggression, but in resistance to aggression."

"I believe this nation is now united, not only in approval of what we have said, but in approval of the aim and purpose which lie behind it. (cheers.)"

"I believe the whole Empire shares in that approval, and I do not think that approval is shared by the Members of the British Empire beyond the seas have hitherto watched our efforts for peace with a fervent hope that they might be successful."

"All of them have had a growing consciousness that we cannot live for ever in an atmosphere of surprise and alarm which Europe has suffered in recent months."

### Liberal Support

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Opposition Liberal, said he considered the interim guarantee given to Poland an instalment in the existing situation, and an indispensable instalment.

"The debate will not have been in vain if it makes clear to the world, that with the possible exception of a few individuals, the House is solidly united behind the policy, and that it will require the Government to act with the utmost promptness and vigour, both at home and abroad, to make it effective."

"Unless I am mistaken, the aim of the Government is less to make sure of victory in a possible war, than to stop war breaking out."

"The contention that Herr Hitler is aiming at world domination is not now in dispute."

"Therefore, it is clear that the only way of stopping war is to build up an invincible resistance to Hitler and his generals beyond any shadow of doubt, that if he attacks

any of his neighbours, he will have to face war on two fronts."

While the British people leashed war, they would never be able to negotiate successfully with Hitler so long as he knew that the British Government would shrink from war in the last resort.—*Reuter.*

Churchill's Support

Mr. Winston Churchill ridiculed the idea that British policy aimed at encirclement. He had always preached the doctrine that similar assurances be given to Germany herself if she desired them.

"If Herr Hitler fears he will be overrun by Russia, that he will be browbeaten by Denmark, he has only to declare his anxiety openly in order to receive the most solemn international guarantees."

"It is wonderful," continued Mr. Churchill, "that led by the Prime Minister, Britain has at length declared in the clearest terms, and with almost unanimity, that the defence of European freedom and the reign of law constitute the cause in which she will surely stand alone."

"He would be a bold dictator who would deliberately set himself to destroy the French Republic and the British Empire acting together."

"The process of building up mutual security must continue. To stop with a guarantee to Poland is to halt in no-man's-land. I shall be glad, therefore, if Mr. Chamberlain repudiates attempts made to do away with the guarantee."

Scale of World Peace

"The Government's action towards Russia is well-conceived. Russia is a ponderous counter-poise in the scales of world peace, and she is profoundly affected by German ambitions."

"For the first time, Britain has taken the initiative against aggression, and for the first time the Nazi leaders find themselves confronted with the possibility of war on two fronts."

Mr. David Lloyd George heartily congratulated Mr. Chamberlain on reverting to the policy on which he fought the last general election, namely, no cowardly surrender to aggressors.

"The Prime Minister has opened a new chapter in the history of this country, and the nations of the earth," said Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George emphasised the utmost importance of securing the pledged support of the greatest military power in the world, namely the Soviets. Having discussed strategic considerations, he said that if Poland gets into trouble with Germany, he would be unable to reach her, and she must rely on the Russians.—*Reuter.*

"Clear The Decks"

Mr. Anthony Eden joined issue with Mr. Lloyd George on some strategic points raised during the debate.

He said that while half of Germany's military forces might be on Poland's frontier, at least half would be on the Western front, and an offensive on both fronts would be extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Another important difference compared with 1914 was that Turkey and Egypt were friendly.

Mr. Chamberlain, added Mr. Eden, has a united nation in support of the Government in foreign affairs. That was an immense value in negotiating with foreign Powers. The Government can rest assured that Mr. Chamberlain's speech interpreted exactly the feelings of the nation. (cheers.)

Following a passage in Mr. Eden's speech in which he declared "we had better clear the decks and the order paper too," Mr. Eden said that the motion for the formation of a National Government on the widest possible basis had been withdrawn.—*Reuter.*

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## All In It Together

ONE IMPORTANT factor in the defence of Hongkong seems to have escaped notice.

That is the question of compensation for loss of civilian life or property in time of war.

In the last war restitution was not accepted as a Government responsibility, and, happily, the question never arose in this Colony.

The subject is one which has arisen in England, where the Government has agreed in principle to the payment of pensions in the same order as Army and Navy pensions for civilians killed or disabled in air raids, and, more important, for the payment in part of compensation for wrecked or damaged buildings.

In the Far East, Hongkong properly owners must be conscious of the heavy losses they will face if this Colony is ever involved in war. Many people now in Hongkong, in fact, were the losers in the Shanghai holocausts in 1932 and 1937. There must be hundreds of residents in this Colony who have lost practically everything they possessed in Canton.

Insurance is ruled out as a practicable basis for war risks of this kind. Although an attempt was made to force the insurance companies to meet claims after the Chapel holocaust in 1932, the amounts claimed were so astronomical that they defeated their object. Obviously, no insurance company in the world would be able to meet the claims arising from the destruction of a city by bombing.

It boils down to this, then: If property holders are to be protected, protection must come from the Government.

If there is to be war, then from the start the principle must be accepted that we are all in it together.

The authorities are taking the necessary measures to protect human lives on this basis. But what about property? It is admittedly a far less important consideration; nevertheless the people who invest in this Colony are entitled to some protection.

## GOOD HEALTH

**F**ALSE notions about health are common to mankind the world over.

For instance, to be topical, have you believed this summer that the benefit derived from sunshine is determined by the length of exposure to the sun's rays, by the intensity of the tan produced; that "one cannot get too much sunshine"?

Here are some facts:

1.—Man, being an animal and not a tree, does not require prolonged exposure to the sun's rays for his proper physiological functioning. The best proof of this statement is to be found in the fact that the inhabitants of the Arctic and Antarctic regions do not suffer as a result of their yearly recurring six months of night.

2.—That a sun-tan promotes health is a delusion. Its chief benefit derives from the fact that it permits one to go about in the sun without further burning. The tan is thus Nature's device for protecting the body against continued absorption of the sun's rays.

3.—A brief exposure to sunshine is productive of all the possible good that can be expected. There is no scientific justification for the "ultra" bathing suit. The exposure of a small portion of the body accomplishes as much good as if the entire body were exposed.

4.—The exhilarating effect of sun-bathing experienced by many who use this measure in a sensible manner is derived as much from the free air circulating about the body as from the sun.

5.—The best time (some authorities say the only time) for sun-bathing is from dawn to 9 a.m., the next is from 4 p.m. to sundown.

6.—In summer one does not have to be in the direct sunshine to obtain its benefits; because the actinic rays are reflected from dust particles in the air, the clouds, buildings, etc. What is known as skyshine is as healthful as sunshine. This explains the interesting fact that some persons can get a definite, though mild, sunburn while walking on shaded city streets.

Such is my approach to health through exposing health fallacies. Here are a few more fallacies, chosen at random from a collection of hundreds:—Do you believe—

## SLEEPING

That it is not an entirely healthful habit for one to sleep on his left side because such a position embarrasses the heart's action?

THIS misconception is evidently related to the fallacy concerning the position of the heart. It is brought to the attention of physicians every now and then by anxious patients. There is, however, no foundation in fact for such a notion.

In certain forms of heart disease the left side of the heart enlarges considerably because of the extra work it has to perform (quite as the blacksmith's muscles enlarge because of his strenuous work).

When the heart becomes enlarged in such a manner, a larger portion of the organ is found on the left side. Even in such instances no harm can result from one's sleeping on his left side because of the satisfactory protection given by the chest wall, formed by the ribs, muscles, etc.

That night air is unhealthy?

DR. C. W. SALEEBY says: "Night air contains fewer organic gases, since, in the absence of the sun's heat, putrefactive processes are less active. Certainly night air contains no kind of miasma peculiar to itself—except that produced in the bedroom."

"As to solid matter, night air again has the advantage for the city dweller since less traffic means less dust, less microbe-laden dust. Night air differs, again, in that it is colder, as a rule, and undoubtedly if you propose to ventilate your bedroom you may require an extra blanket."

"The advantage of breathing pure instead of foul air during one-third of our whole existence

The nations mass their forces in search of what was once man's individual ideal: good health. Some believe that gymnastics will bring bodily fitness; others doubt it. Many think that diet is the secret of physical efficiency; many more trust in exercise. What is one nation's meat is often another's poison.

Here a distinguished American, Dr. AUGUST A. THOMEN—whose work Lord Horder says will "successfully challenge the most severe criticism"—tackles the subject from an entirely new angle.

is perhaps not too dearly bought thus."

## FATIGUE

That chronic fatigue in healthy persons is usually due to over-work?

THIS is an erroneous opinion, however, for the real reason in the majority of cases is a chronic acidosis ranging in degree from mildness to severity. It is easily proved that the hardest kind of physical work does not produce chronic fatigue in a healthy individual.

A night or two of sleep, especially with a day of rest between, will always suffice to refresh a person who has become extremely tired from excessive work.

But the chronic fatigue which we are now considering is not evidently helped by mere rest, for it is the tiredness from which one cannot rest—a nervous fatigue, with resulting inability to apply one's self efficiently to the day's work.

This type of fatigue is caused by the poisoning, so to speak, of nerve tissues by the impurities, chiefly of an acid character, pre-

sent in the body fluids which bathe them.

Tests made in physiological laboratories have proved that it is very difficult to produce fatigue in a nerve.

It is the belief of many physicians who have studied the problem that this type of fatigue is due to the drugging, as it were, of nerve tissue by the over-production of acid products due to an excessive eating of acid-forming foods.

## EATING

That if one eats green apples he will most certainly get a stomachache?

THERE is nothing in green apples to cause a stomachache in itself. If the apple is eaten slowly and sufficiently chewed the stomach would not be able to distinguish between a ripe and unripe one. Eating slowly and chewing well are so important because it is necessary that the fruit be thoroughly mixed with the saliva for its proper digestion.

That meat should be much more thoroughly chewed than bread, vegetables, or fruit?

## DO YOU HATE ARUM

LILIES

By

N. B. W.

CHINA HAS done much for me and to me.

On the credit side of the account she has all but conquered the sting of obliteration.

To hint that eternal oblivion nowhere is preferable to temporary life in these parts is not the intention.

But, with intense and melancholy recollections of the truly ghastly exhibitions of funeralism in other countries, and now that I am, almost daily, an interested spectator of the seemingly care-free, nearly exhilarating, colourful pageants that accompany the deceased Oriental, the fact that I shall one day personally fill the role of piece de resistance in the grand finale, leaves little pang.

The profusion of fresh blossom, the gorgeous tints of peacock-blue, Nile-green, crimson and gold of banner and habiliments; the clear air, the golden sunshine all engender hope; suggest the futility of sorrow for the inevitable.

It is true that the chief mourners, cream-sackcloth-clad, wail at times, and are almost invariably supported on either side by friends and sympathisers, but there is more than a slight suspicion that such an attitude is considered to be "the thing" and must be done in all decorum.

The prevailing note is one of every-day non-chalance, as though

nothing out of the ordinary is happening (and it is!).

It is not to be expected that the paid bearers of banners, of bright paper images and so on would exhibit any degree of regret or sorrow; and perhaps to the strings of school-children or the little band of employees a change of head is of little moment.

But even that rounded, mandarin-capped, black-silk-gowned, prosperous and kindly-looking old gentleman who paces with so dignified an air and slow a gait at the tail-end of the procession, chats cheerily and with animation to others like himself.

The over-burdened, sweating, grotesquely-huddled bearers of the flower-secreted catafalque certainly realize the heaviness of life, whatever their attitude towards death.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I just gotta have more guns, planes, and tanks, Mom! All the other fellas in our block are re-arming!"

THE correct answer is that it is much more important to chew the bread-stuffs, vegetables, and fruits than it is the meat. Yes, strange as it may seem, it is far more important to chew one's mashed potatoes than one's meat or fish.

That oranges, lemons, grape fruit, tomatoes, etc., form acids in the body?

FRUITS and vegetables form alkaline substances in the human body—except prunes, plums, cherries, and cranberries. It is interesting to note that most often ripe, uncooked plums and cherries have a pleasant, sweet taste, yet they form acids in the system, while the most sour lemon forms an alkali. Evidently our taste is not a proper guide in the matter.

## READING

That reading light must come from over the left shoulder to be the most effective?

IT has been determined by experimentation that it matters not from where the light comes, provided there are no shadows cast upon the page, and provided the rays from the light do not enter the eye.

The light should be at least 26 degrees away from the direct line of sight, and should be so placed as to avoid direct reflections from the glossy pages so commonly used.

The best reading light is that termed "indirect," in which the source of light is hidden and the rays, thrown on the ceiling. This is similar in effect to daylight.

A SMALL suburban home faced a London cemetery—not nearly so lugubrious a situation as it sounds. Well-grown trees of laburnum, mountain-ash, hawthorn and poplar enclosed the ground entirely inside a golden-chestnut fence.

In the portion yet awaiting tenants birds incessantly twittered in blissful security from all natural enemies, always excepting the ubiquitous cat.

Day after day these melancholy, deeply oppressing functions went on, and upon a day of chilling rain or dark mist, the eternal unrelief of black and white clutched at the heart of the most volatile of individuals, of the most persistent of Mark Tapleys.

Welcome was the cheerful interrupting note of the shrill and virile neigh of the massive black Flanders stallions which drew the hideous, over-ornamented vehicle of shining black and glaring glass, gilded knobs and futile, silly carvings.

Fine creatures they were, though cumbrous of build, coats groomed to silken sheen, manes and tails of prodigious length and thickness.

Upon the proudly tossing, impatient heads great blobs of shaven horse-hair—to-day fortunately relegated to the circus-ring, and gaily coloured at that.

How grateful we were to those mighty animals providing a slighted relief in a gloomy, dependant-hued occasion, seemingly purposely staged—for the annihilation of any future hopes.

AN Italian provincial city. The honoured dust probably rests upon a weighty, ponderous vehicle of white and gold.

If the strident chanting of the long double file of white-clothed, professional lily mourners is not exactly musical, nevertheless it strikes a lively note.

The little acolytes, tired and somewhat inattentive with the weary tramp on hard stone streets bear enormous candles canting in the most grotesque of drunken attitudes.

The lace-frocked, blue-jowled priests, gigantic feet incongruously protruding below the black alpaca cassocks, somewhat arrogantly scan the staring crowds, and provide in tones stentorian the anti-strophe to the strophe of the wailing maidens on ahead.

Then stride the incense-swingers, the golden vessels all ablaze; the bearer of the Holy Water, to whom the people urgently and eagerly push, hoping to be blessed with a sprinkled drop of sacred fluid.

WHEN AND IF I have leisure before I am induced to all the chief role in such a ceremony, I intend to trace the history of the British obsequies down the ages, and discover whether we have always taken our pleasures thus sadly.



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# BRITISH PAIR MISS GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN FIRST SET

## S.A. Gray, G.C. Burnett Defeated In Tennis Doubles Tournament

The dropping of three set points, partly through carelessness, not only cost G. C. Burnett and S. A. Gray the first set in their championship tennis doubles match against A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios at the Cricket Club yesterday, but it gave the Portuguese pair a moral advantage which they quickly turned to account in the second set, winning it, and the match at 6-4.

All four players hit like fury, and it seemed as if there was a possibility of a tie in the exchanges to keep the spectators interested. Once again Remedios' service was a tremendous asset to the winners, as testified by the fact that he did not concede a single service game. Nevertheless, the opposition held one set point on his service in the 12th game, and two in the 14th. Burnett also held the whole of his services, but Gosano and Gray consistently lost theirs, not so much through bad serving, as through errors in the subsequent rallies.

The losers were aggressive from the start, but there was a notable absence of control over a number of shots, which a little steadiness might have turned to better account. Burnett was very erratic overhead and was inclined to be caught at his feet by moving too slowly up to the net. Gray's form was decidedly variable, some nice winners being negated through impetuous stroking which piled up the points for Gosano and his partner.

### WINNERS STEADIER

The winners undeniably played the steadier brand of tennis, but at no time did they touch the brilliant form displayed by them in the previous round against Fincher and Hung. In fact the result might easily have gone the other way, and it would not have been unfair.

Remedios was the pick of the players. He volleyed delightfully, scoring several times with perfect cross-court shots, and while he had small chance to show off his powerful overhead smash, he displayed sound ground strokes which paved the way for successful net advances.

Gosano was inclined to error, but when it was required, could tighten

### Results Of Matches Played Yesterday

The following were the results of matches played yesterday:

#### OPEN SINGLES

Ho Ka-lau beat Lai Kwong-tsun 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

J. M. Tomlinson received a walk-over from W. J. Howard.

#### OPEN DOUBLES

A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios beat S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett 9-7, 6-4.

## BRITISH BOXING RANKING

### Len Harvey Heads Both Light-Heavyweight, Heavy Divisions

London, March 28. The British National Boxing Association has issued the positions of the leading British fighters at four weights. Under the "Ladder" plan the men move up or down each time they win or lose to the man on the adjoining rung. The positions are:

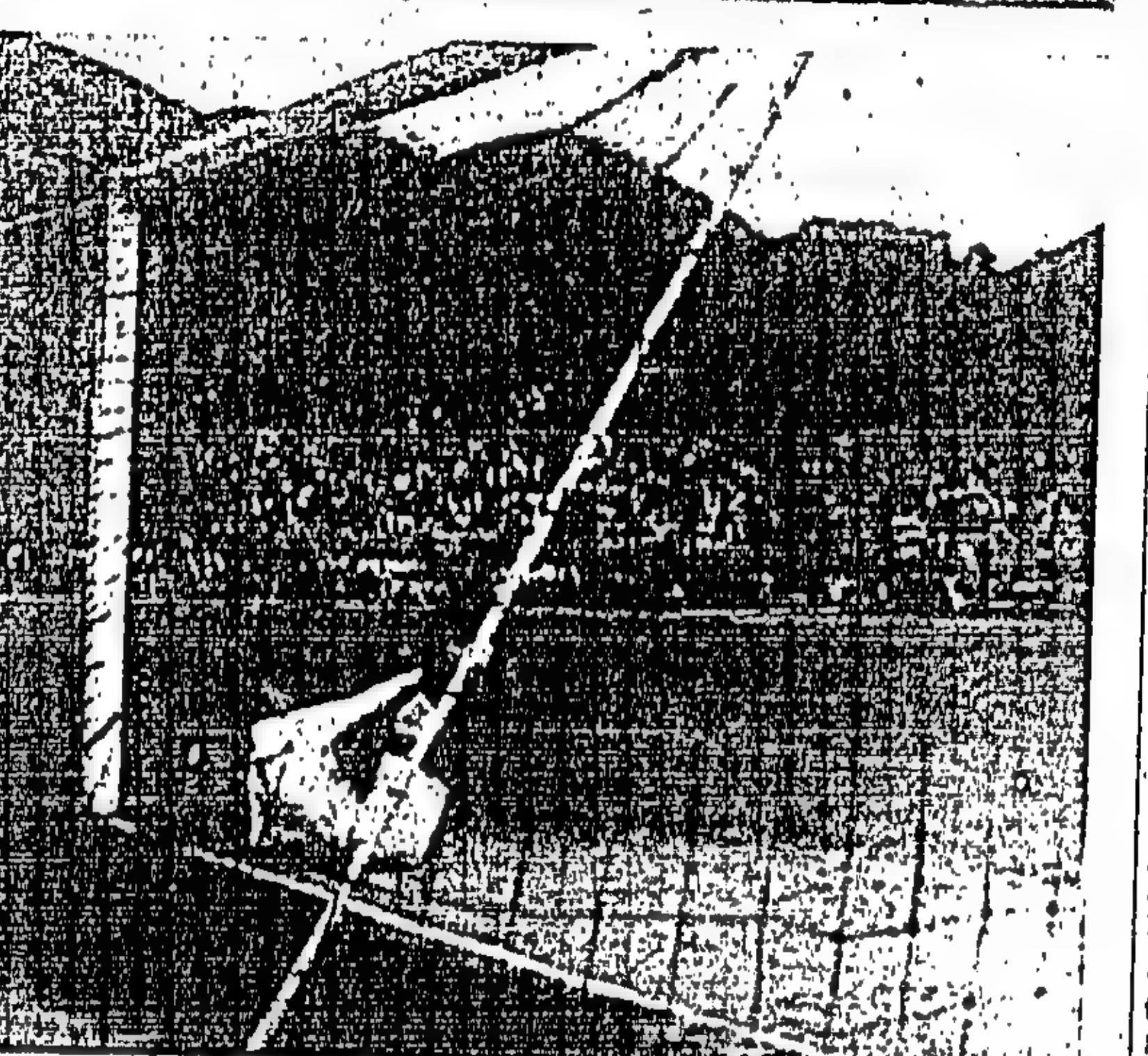
Heavyweight:—1, Len Harvey; 2, Eddie Phillips; 3, Larry Gains; 4, George James; 5, Jack London; 6, Jim Wilde; 7, Harry Lister.

Light-Heavyweight:—1, Len Harvey; 2, Jack McAvoy; 3, Jack Hyams; 4, Tommy Martin; 5, Darkie Ellis; 6, Bob Firman; 7, Tom Reddington; 8, Charlie Bundy.

Middleweight:—1, Jack McAvoy; 2, Ginger Saddy; 3, Jack Hyams; 4, Eddie McGuire; 5, George Davis; 6, Dave McGee; 7, Ben Valentine; 8, Nat Franks.

Welterweight:—1, Jake Kilrain; 2, Ernie Rederick; 3, Harry Mizler; 4, Norman Snow; 5, Lefty Flynn; 6, Jim Lawler; 7, George Odwell; 8, Frank Erne.—Reuter.

beating Lai Kwong-tsun, the former Canton champion after three grueling sets. Ho Ka-lau's experience was a deciding factor in an entertaining match.



The two goal-keepers in action in the match last Saturday between the Straits Chinese and the South China A.A. at Caroline Hill. Top picture shows Pau Ka-ping, the South China goalkeeper, jumping out to punch clear, while below Lee Pak-tong, of the Straits team, is caught in a peculiar pose. South China won this match by three goals to nil.

## Hockey SHANGHAI TEAMS SELECTED TO PLAY HONGKONG

Sir Herbert Phillips has accepted the invitation of the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association to attend the forthcoming Interport Match against Hongkong on April 8 Saturday, and to present the trophy to the winning team. The N. C. D. News. Shanghai has selected a good team to meet the visitors following the trial game at Kipochow Park. The nucleus of the forward line on Shanghai's side has been drawn from the redoubtable Greens, local champions, with Misses Decima Eardley, Mary Sheridan, and Nora Kelly filling the three inside positions. The rest of Shanghai team which will meet Hongkong on April 8 has also been selected. The two teams read as follows:

Interport XI.—U. Paelz, E. Bloomfield, M. Osa, I. Wilkinson, M. Phillips, M. Malinovsky, J. McKeown (Capt.), D. Eardley, M. Sheridan, N. Kelly, U. Berg, M. serves: I. Ornborg, J. Piccozzi, S. Forestier, P. Forshaw, M. Collaco.

The Rest XI.—M. Collaco, P. Forshaw, B. Cumine, V. Hutton, I. Berg, S. Forestier (Capt.), J. Piccozzi, L. Mackelvie, I. Ornborg, A. da Silva, D. Bloomfield, Reserves: T. Collaco, S. Ahmed, M. Turner, I. Blair, F. Pereira.

On April 10 the visitors will be pitted against the Greens XI. All the three matches are to begin at 3.15 p.m.

**Interport History**  
In January 1935, the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association sent a team to Hongkong, thereby inaugurating the first ladies interport competition. Messrs. White & Co., British Company in Shanghai, kindly presented a shield for competition. The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Association won the match by a narrow score of one goal to nil.

In January 1936 the Hongkong ladies' team paid a return visit to Shanghai and again won the trophy by a narrow score of one goal to nil. The match was played in bitterly cold weather and the ground was inches deep with snow and dust which completely ruined any possibility of good play.

In February, 1937, the Shanghai ladies' team again visited Hongkong and on this occasion a very exciting match was played, ending in a draw, two goals apiece, after extra time had been played. Owing to local conditions, no interport visit was arranged during 1938.

## Straits Team Play Chinese XI To-morrow

The soccer match between the Straits Chinese and the Hongkong Combined Chinese will be played at Caroline Hill to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. and not at 5 p.m. as originally fixed. His Excellency the Governor and party, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, and Chinese Representatives have consented to attend the match. The official dinner in honour of the Straits footballers will be held at the Kwong Chow Restaurant to-morrow evening. Dress will be optional.

## Dunfermline Beat Morton By 5-2

London, Apr. 3. In the Second Division of the Scottish Football League, Dunfermline, at home, defeated Morton by five goals to two to-day.—Reuter.

## FOUR-YEAR SQUASH CONTROVERSY ENDED

Left-handed Margot Lumb, twenty-seven-year-old women's squash rackets champion, decided a four-year controversy at Queen's Club, London, yesterday, by beating Susan Noel, challenger for the title, 9-6, 9-1, 9-7.

These two players are the greatest women players in the world. They are also the greatest ever seen in the game. Miss Noel, dark, twenty-six years of age, was champion in 1932-3-4. Then she deserted squash for lawn tennis. Her last squash victim was Miss Lumb, who challenged for the title in 1934.

Then Margot stepped into Susan's place. Took the title easily in 1935-7-8. In 1937 Margot, brown-haired fair complexioned, also went in for high-class tennis. She is now ranked as Britain's No. 2 at it. There was great excitement when the squash world knew Susan was having a go at the championship this year. Opinion had been keenly divided as to who was the better player.

For the first few games yesterday it looked as if Miss Noel's scientific play and clever courtcraft might prevail. She angled the ball bewilderingly, and contrived to give Margot as much backhand work as

possible, aiming at making the ball "hug" the side walls and render shots difficult. She thus ran ahead 4-0, 5-1.

**MARGOT GOT GOING**  
Then Margot, very fast and a slammer unequalled anywhere, began to get going. Margot drew level, and from 6-11 all went out.

In the second game Miss Noel showed signs of tiring. Margot went at it faster than ever. Starting badly in the third game, Susan managed to pull herself together to level at 3-3, and then cheered her supporters by actually leading, after a breakneck battle, at 7-6.

That was all. Margot dashed into it like a fury, and was champion for the fifth time.

"I couldn't concentrate," said Susan afterwards. "I don't know why I'm so dumb." Margot summed up her tactics in a crisp sentence: "My intention was to win if I possibly could."

## Samuel Should Have Beaten Madsen

### "Nerves" When In Winning Position

London, March 11. A. S. Samuel's bid to bring the All-England Badminton Championship to Malaya ended in the semi-final when he was defeated by the eventual winner of the title, Tage Madsen (Denmark), 15-7, 9-15, 11-15.

Samuel held the commanding lead of 10-1 in the final game and then appeared to fall the victim to a chronic attack of nerves. He was "put out" when he followed through a kill and his racket hit the net. Madsen had a run of seven aces in which he was helped by the fact that Samuel's touch and judgment had left simple looking shots as "out" only to see the shuttle fall at his feet.

Commenting on the match, The Times said: "Madsen did not seem to be down-right, as he had been in earlier rounds, but Samuel, with his inscrutable bearing and quite uncanny anticipation, was playing a delightfully subtle game in the forecourt, and it was only just in time that Madsen remembered his adversary's comparative weakness at the back of the court—and even then he seemed to forget that Samuel's backhand strokes are apparently so weak that he refuses to use them."

#### STAMINA DECIDES

"But the mere fact that Samuel was running round his backhand smashes put a great strain on a man who covers the court in large, violent movements, and this long match was probably decided by staying power."

Having won the first game in a run of 9-7, Samuel was ahead at 9-7 in the second, thanks almost entirely to the deft skill of his short game—and since his strokes are by no means classical he must, as they say, have an eye like a hawk. Then, that early, he showed signs of tiring, and Madsen, a sturdy young man full of vigorous strokes and footwork, kept him back so well that he did not win another point in that game.

"But Samuel was again at his tricks in the forecourt so cleverly that he went to 10-1 in the last game, and the lead seemed decisive. Then the gallery rose at Madsen's fighting challenge."

He came up to 8-10 in times more—the put Madsen out with a fine drop at match-point—his touch had gone. Not only his touch, but his judgment too, for at 11-10 he twice let the shuttle drop deliberately and it sailed down in court under his nose."

## RUGGER MATCHES AT HOME

London, Apr. 3. The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

Sidmouth 0 Gloucester 6  
Devonport 0 Capt. Craws-  
Services 0 hay's XV 20  
Pontypool 0 Neath 0  
Redruth 10 St. Bart's 0

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

London, Apr. 3. The following Rugby League match was played:

Halifax 20 St. Helen's 5  
—Reuter.

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#### THE PAST SEASON

As I have already stated, the season of 1938-1939 has not been a very encouraging one, from the point

#### CALL-OVER FOR CITY AND SUBURBAN RACE

London, Apr. 3. The City and Suburban call-over is as follows:

6/1 Pigskin (11-and-o)  
6/1 Halcyon Gift (o)  
7/1 Unbreakable (o)  
10/1 Bar Three (o)  
—Reuter.

#### THE FIRST DIVISION

The Hongkong Club only had five members of the team which played regularly at the beginning of the season. However, these were quite sufficient to overcome the Craigieover 1st eleven, who, with the exception of A. R. H. Esmail failed badly. Their batting side is by no means a bad one on paper, but they have gone to pieces even worse than the Civil Service. G. Souza has had a terrible patch, and one of the

Zimmerman seem to have been coming off Bryan-Cover (8 for 24), and J. L. C. Pearce (5 for 22) took the wickets. The Club had no difficulty in knocking off the runs as Bidwell, who having finished with rugger, has turned his attention to cricket, knocked up 30 not out, and, after Ride was out for 25, Alec Pearce made 31, not out. The Club won by 9 wickets. They are third in the League, but I cannot help feeling the prospect is somewhat gloomy for next season. New blood is badly needed, but good players who can play regularly are conspicuous for their absence.

There is one thing that so far as I am concerned, seems definitely proved, and that is that the experiment of the League in fixing all the League matches after the 1st January has not proved successful. We have not had particularly bad weather, but the season has dragged along and in fact, is not yet finished. This proves that not sufficient time for cancellations has resulted from the new system. There is also the fact that it is a bit awkward for the Navy, although I must say the Navy has put up a gallant struggle to turn out a team, and has done so in both sections of the League religiously. My own opinion is that a modification of the new system might work which would increase the time by including the first three Saturdays in December in the days set out for League play. This would avoid any possible interport match, and at the same time would be clear of the Christmas Triangular Tournament.

#### THE SECOND DIVISION

The interesting position in the Second Division continues after the results of Saturday last. It would appear that Recreo have practically dropped out of the running owing to their failure to get the Civil Service's last wicket. They have only 14 points with one match to play. The University are very well in the picture, for their victory over the Army on Saturday last has made their record 8 games with 15½ points. If Kowloon win against the Police they will finish with 19 and are unassailable, but if there is a draw, or the Police win, then the University will win outright provided that they can beat the Navy 2nd eleven.

#### THE THIRD DIVISION

The University deserve great credit for their victory last Saturday over the Army, as the latter may well have thought themselves safe when they declared with the score of 168 for well wickets. However, thanks principally to a fine knock out by J. Fong, who has been in fine form for 22 by K. Y. Tam and K. S. Oh, the University just got the runs with their last wicket at stake. The more particularly the excellent spirit in which they play the game, has been one of the most pleasing features of a somewhat disappointing season.

#### THE FOURTH DIVISION

While making every allowance for the natural tendency to regard the players of the past as better than those of the present, I think it is just to say that Cricket is at a lower ebb in the Colony than it has been for many years. No new players have really made good. Several, who appeared the season before to be probable interporters, have either made no advance, or definitely gone back. The "original eleven" for an interport eleven would be, I think, exactly the same as they would have been five years ago—that is, Alec Pearce, H. Owen-Hughes and A. R. Minu. Much, no doubt, must be blamed upon the sorry situation in China, which must inevitably effect a depressing gloom on people's spirits generally.

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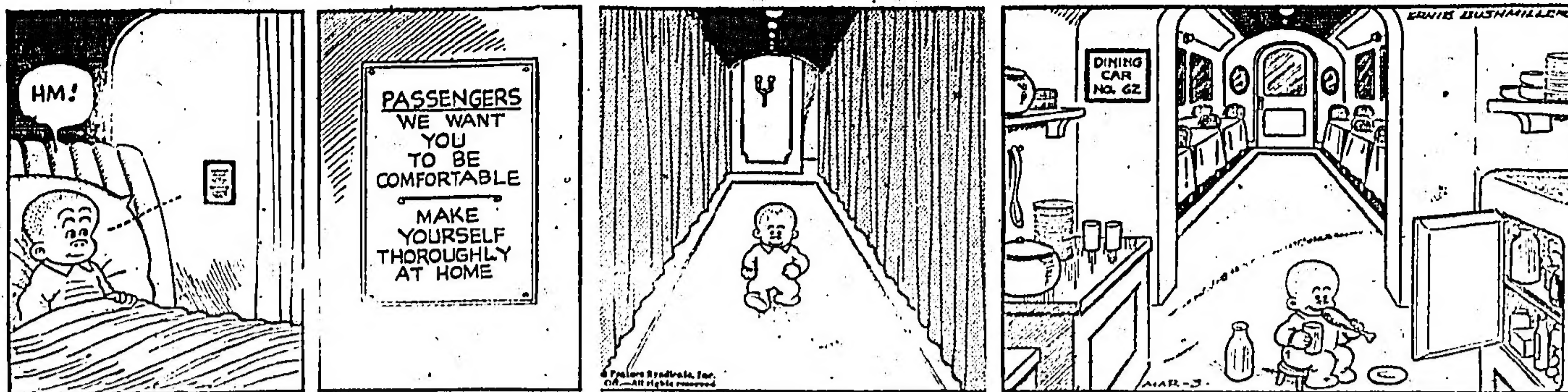
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

# Heaton's Kicking Crushes Scots' Hopes

## How England Won Rugger Match Against Scotland

SCOTLAND ..... 6 ENGLAND ..... 9

London, Mar. 19.

Triple Crown winners and champions one year and wooden-spoonists the next! That is Scotland's International Rugby record.

The premier country of last season finished at the foot of the table in the current series as a result of yesterday's defeat in the concluding engagement for the Calcutta Cup.

It was a curious game in that the victors had all of the play and sought to show for it save three penalty goals. Scotland, however, twice crossed the rival line in the first half, but could not convert either try, and in the second half they were so completely outplayed that they never looked like getting on terms.

That these were not forthcoming must be regarded as a notable tribute to the English forwards who throughout, were in complete command. It was not merely that they controlled the scrimmages. That much was expected before the game commenced. They also matched the Scots for light and effectiveness in the open.

Some of the home scrimmages were rugged and wild, and for these lapses a heavy penalty was exacted. **BACK WEAKNESS** The fact remains, however, that Scots could not obtain the first essential of a winning side. Truth to tell they never looked like scoring even in the closing stages when some of the Scots were thoroughly spent.

This indicates a weakness in the back division, and one fears that several of its members may not make the international grade again. Heaton's goal kicking compensated for deficits in other directions. He atoned in full measure for the mistake which gave the Scots their first try.

Guest Carr on the wing were starved but Parsons, after an uncertain first half of faulty touch kicking, found confidence in the second half. Ellis worked hard behind the scrums but lacked variety. Kemp, too, was unimpressive. Altogether, in fact, the England

backs were a stolid orthodox lot. What Scotland would have done with even a reasonable supply of the ball could only be conjectured. Enough was seen of the backs in the first half to prove that, given the opportunity, they were dangerous, but they were devoid of chances to show their attacking skill save in spasms.

### SCOTS' DEFENCE GOOD

Their defence, however, was of a high order in face of the situation and England's pressure. None did better than Dorrard, Shaw, and McRae. Roberts was safe without being especially distinguished. The forwards were overwhelmed. That is the only word for it.

A dull, damp morning gave way to brilliant sunshine accompanied, however, by a stiff cross wind, which threatened to exert considerable influence on the play. The crowd would touch the 70,000 mark when the teams appeared to the usual boisterous welcome.

There seemed little advantage to England in the winning of the toss; in fact, the men on the left flank had the sun in their eyes, and Carr had some difficulty in fielding the opening kick. England retired to midfield, where Kemp knocked on from a line-out, and feet up then drove the visitors back. Here, Scotland had a chance, for Crawford hit Parsons, and the ball was eventually worked out to the right, where however, McKinnon's kick was blocked. Innes was fouled into touch-in-goal. The drop-out was charged down, but there was only a flutter of excitement, and the danger was soon cleared.

### SCOTS' ESCAPE

Scottish followers, however, had real cause for apprehension when play swung to the other end, for Watkins and Ellis in turn came within an ace of scoring before the Scots heeled out from a five yards scrum and Dorrard put the ball into touch.

A couple of bursts by Crawford featured Scotland's spirited response, but no threat of trouble came to Parsons until Heaton, who had twice previously knocked on in a defence, fumbled in defence.

With Guest following suit, Murdoch nipped in, and after hesitating veered out to the left to outpace Parsons to the line. Thus Scotland led after 15 minutes.

The kick at goal was disallowed for an infringement. Heaton nearly made amends a few minutes later when he shot just wide of goal with a long range penalty attempt. Teden knocked on from the drop-out and play returned to midfield, though mostly in the home territory.

Indeed, England were fighting strenuously to get on terms, and they kept the home defence at full stretch. In rapid succession Carr and Watkins were almost over on the left, and only a great tackle by Shaw kept out Heaton, while Kemp dropped wide of goal.

In England's next raid Teden inexplicably cross-kicked when a pass to Guest would have served better. A quiet spell followed in which the only feature was a kicking duel between the full-backs.

**SHAW'S GRAND TRY** This Roberts won, and it was from the attacking position gained by his effort that the Scots went away to increase their lead in half an hour.

The try was a Shaw masterpiece. From a line-out ten yards inside the English half Bruce-Lockhart put in a short kick. Shaw raced through, picked up in his stride, and made as if to pass to Murdoch, but instead went through to score in superb style.

Murdoch badly "hooked" his shot at goal. England fought back stubbornly, however, and two stupendous penalty goals by Heaton, both from long range and at difficult angles, put the visitors on equality within a space of

## MIXED FOURSOME GOLF TOURNEY

### Third Round And Semi-Final Ties

The following are the results in the third round of the Mixed Foursomes Tournament of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

Col. and Mrs. Rose (9 and 32) beat Major and Mrs. Harvey (0 and 19) 5 and 4.

Major and Mrs. Williams (20 and 29) beat Major and Mrs. Webb (20 and 24) 5 and 3.

A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman (3 and 22) beat A. and Mrs. Nicol (18 and 31) 4 and 3.

L. Goldman and Mrs. Woodward (8 and 22) beat G. R. and Mrs. Razavet (20 and 34) 6 and 4.

### SEMI-FINAL

Major and Mrs. Williams beat Col. and Mrs. Rose 3 and 2.

Goldman and Mrs. Woodward beat A. E. and Mrs. Lissaman 2 and 1.

### CAPTAIN'S CUP

In the Captain's Cup April Qualifying competition, G. B. S. Thomson qualified on the Old Course with a card of 86—16=70. There were 41 entries.

On the New Course, J. Forbes, 86—13=73, qualified. There were four entries.

A. J. Dennis, with 88—11=77, won the Old Course optional sweepstake. There were 15 entries.

The New Course sweepstake was cancelled.

Five minutes after the home country's second score. Thus Scotland had to pay heavily for a scrum infringement in the first instance, and for Young's rashness in running offside in the second.

And so to half-time with the sides on level terms—a fair reflection on a ding-dong game. **ENGLAND TAKE LEAD** The first picture of the second half was a fine effort by Bruce-Lockhart which, however, was ended when Watkins tackled him brilliantly. Then, in five minutes England went into the lead.

Again it was Heaton's skill as a marksman that did the trick. The Lancashire centre took full toll for delay's off-side infringement by placing another perfect goal from a difficult angle.

England were definitely on top after this, but despite a monopoly of the ball from the scrimmages they could not get in a clinching attack.

## Colony Soccer Team For Macao

The following have been chosen to represent the Colony in the Interport football game against Macao at Macao, on Sunday April 16.

Cheong Wing-choy (South China "A"); Chan Kwok-ye (Police) and C. Blackburn (Police); P. Honeywell (Navy), Bright (Middlesex) and Parker (Police); Armstrong (Navy), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's), Chan Tak-fai (South China "B"), Ferrier (Police), and Lau Tau-man (South China "A").

Reserves:—Hussain (St. Joseph's), Thorburn (Navy) and Hossack (Royal Scots).

Team Manager and Association Representative:—Mr. W. E. Hollands.

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to us.—Ed.) who told me "There are in Hongkong only 10 per cent. to 12 per cent. of honest people. 70 per cent. are thieves, maniacs or kleptomaniacs, the rest comprises of business men of doubtful habits. As a consequence only the more important criminals are punished."

"The Governor of the town, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, is of the same opinion.

"In his opinion it will take perhaps 50 years to give Hongkong the mentality of an average city."

"Meaning Hongkong lives, slings, laughs and steals. This Eden of Gangsters is easily the most extraordinary city in the Far East. "The city where the buildings are next to the rickshaws, the city where the lowest class of pickpockets are received in the best drawing rooms, the city where people meet the most lowdown individuals."

"Hongkong lives on traffic of arms, drugs and pleasure. Ten per cent. of the honest people of that city are civil servants, bank clerks and hotel keepers. Cabarets are full up and there are not enough taxis in Hongkong. One must cable at least one day ahead to make reservation for rooms. Shops are full of customers. Ten-houses, coffee-houses, clubs, motorbuses, airlines (of which there are 2) are swarmed with nervous people. Hongkong lives 100 minutes per hour."

### 4 Murders A Day

"There are between 4 and 5 murders per day in Hongkong but only 2 or 3 criminals are arrested every week. In other words people have to protect themselves."

"There are never any crimes committed against rich foreigners. The Hongkong Chinese is very respectful of the rich foreigner. He steals his money, but never dares to touch him, but quite easily he murders his brother who has stolen more than him."

### NEW GOLF RECORD

Atlanta, Georgia, Apr. 2. With an aggregate of 270, a new course record, Ralph Guldahl won the Masters' Golf Tournament here to-day. Sam Snead was second with 280, and Lawson Little and Billy Burke tied with 282. Guldahl's rounds were 70, 68, 70 and 69, to total nine under par and better the previous course record of 282.

Gene Sarazen scored a 66, which was six under par, and was the best round of the tournament.—Reuter.

## SPORT ADVTS

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (after permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 4th and MONDAY, 10th April, 1939, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 NOON, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11 a.m. each day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1939.

OUR SPELLING DEE (see page 7) ditulfo—disance—distasteful hookah—distaff—kursaal

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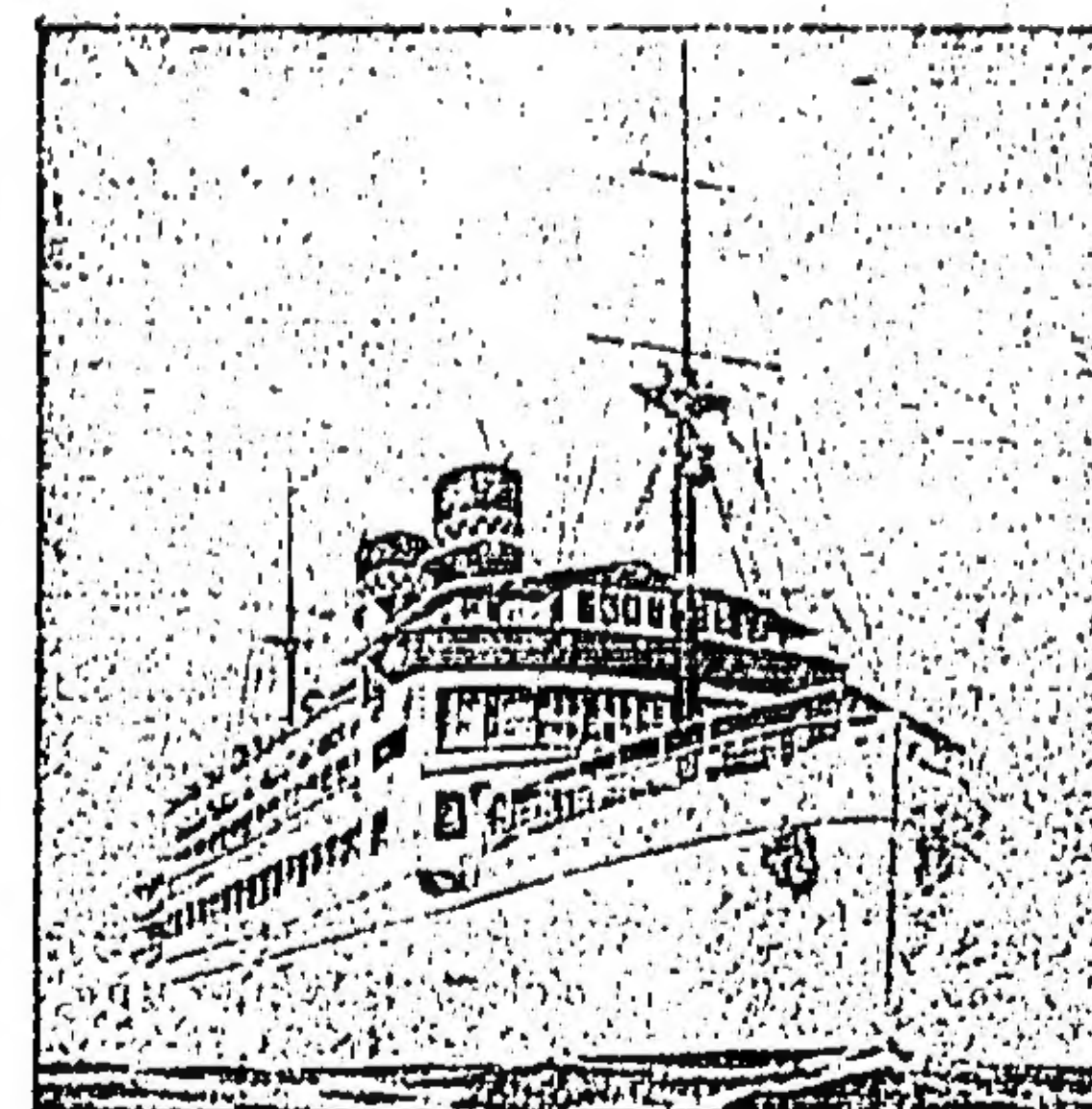
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HAMPSHIRE village, Kings Somborne, has a population of only 1,300, but they are so proud of their 700-year-old church and its steeple with six bells, that they have just insured them against damage by aircraft. There is a lot of flying in the neighbourhood, and another airfield will be opened soon near by.

## DEAD WIFE WAS LOVED BY H.K. SOLDIER

Talks between two men who loved the same woman, her husband and a soldier to whom she was formerly engaged, were referred to at Colchester last month when George Butterworth (27), a furnace worker, of Wingletye Road, Hornchurch, Essex, was sent to the Old Bailey for trial on a charge of murdering his 22-year-old wife, Phyllis.

Butterworth was alleged to have taken his wife's body in a car to Colchester police station. She had extensive head injuries.

### You May Learn!

POETIC gleaming of the week, from "Punch." More appropriate at the moment than when printed three weeks ago. Please be kind to Britain! She isn't very strong, Her Army's all gone wrong, Her A.R.P. is useless, Her Air Force far too small, Her people so degenerate, She's no moral at all! She doesn't want to fight you, She's so convinced you'd win! She'll let you take her Empire if it will save her skin! She's old, decayed and senile, And you have strength and youth, So please be kind to Britain, Don't keep abusing her, Be nice to poor old Britain— or you may learn the truth!

### A Look Through The "Telegraph"

#### 50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1889.  
The vague rumour we hinted at the other day as being in circulation in the capital of the two Kwangtoes, that a concession had been granted by the Viceroy for the construction of a railway between Kowloon and Canton is significant of a great commercial movement shortly to be started in our gates, that can scarcely fail to make wonderful changes and prove mutually advantageous to China and this Colony. From a small rural town, with its cotton in populous Canton and its eighty-mile circumference sweeping around, with Kowloon and the "Mulin and Tihwah" of the Far East, with its cotton and its cotton, a network of railway communication might be started in China, and the whole Empire opened up to trade, civilisation and progress.

We may within a very short time expect to see the Kowloon-Canton railway snorting, and shunting its steam along the fertile plains, extending from our trans-marine town to the City of Rains. Of all the vast undertakings we have yet seen started in Hongkong this Canton-Kowloon railway scheme stands far pre-eminent. That the incipient village of Kowloon with its extensive tracts of level ground, its broad roads, its reputed health and coolness in the summer months, will rise giant-like and be in the course of a few years an important township, and that the port and business of Hongkong will increase far beyond what was ever deemed possible does not require much gift of prophecy to foresee.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1914.  
It is understood that the King has requested Sir John Anderson, the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, to draw up the preliminary plans for the tour of the Dominions, which is to be made by the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert. It is expected that a year will be allotted for the tour, which is to begin in the autumn of 1915. Australia will be visited first, and then New Zealand and Canada. The trip will also probably take in the United States. (The tour was cancelled owing to the great war.—Ed.)

It is stated that after the estimates for the fund to be applied to the study of aeroplanes and automobiles are passed by the Japanese Diet, the War Department will inaugurate the construction of 13 aeroplanes at Tokorozawa. The number of aviation officers will be increased to 14, double the number at present existing.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1929.  
A sensation has been caused in Kowloon, Lithuania, as a consequence of a raid by the police on a newspaper office where a secret meeting of the Social-Democratic party leaders was being held, over one hundred being taken into custody.

H.R.H. Prince George to-day began his new duties at the Foreign Office.

#### 5 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1934.  
The British outposts in Asia-Hongkong especially—will be the immediate objects of Japanese attack in time of war. But British naval opinion long ago dismissed Hongkong as utterly impossible of defence against the Japanese Navy.

The Consul General for Panama and Mrs. J. Rivera Reyes are leaving to-day for Manila, by the President Coolidge to spend the Holy-Week there. They will return by the Empress of Canada next Wednesday.

## GERMAN JEWS MUST TAKE NEW NAMES IN H.K.

## "Israel" Or "Sarah" Added To Passports Of Residents

THE NAMES "Israel" and "Sarah" are being added to the passports of German and Austrian Jews living in Hongkong.

When a passport is taken to the German consular authorities for any reason whatsoever, the new name is added in ink.

In addition, a large letter "J" is stamped on the passport in red ink.

Under the new ruling, men have the name "Israel" added, while women are called "Sarah." The "Telegraph" understands that several passports have already been altered in this fashion.

During the anti-Semitic wave which swept Germany last September, it was decreed that as from January 1 all German and Austrian Jews who did not have a personal name approved by the Minister of the Interior must add the name Israel or Sarah.

The additional name must be used in all official and business transactions and communications, and the persons affected must inform the local registrar who has recorded their births and marriages.

### PUNISHMENT

In the case of Germans living abroad, they must inform the local Consul. Contraventions are punishable by imprisonment or fines.

At the same time, it was decreed that German Jews would be allowed to give their children only names that were "typically Jewish."

Parents must choose from a list of 185 names for their boys and from 91 names for girls.

Besides a few common names, a great number of unusual Biblical names are included. Many of these names were hitherto completely unknown to most Jews.

On the other hand, the list does not include such typically Biblical names as Jacob, Joseph, Ruth, and Esther, the reason apparently being that these names are common among the Aryan population.

### MORE REFUGEES

Another 650 Jewish refugees passed through Hongkong last Saturday on the Italian liner Conte Verde on their way to Shanghai. Four disembarked in this Colony.

A further 600 left Frankfurt-on-Main last week for Genoa, where they will sail in the Conte Biancamano.

The emigrants are mostly young or middle-aged people of both sexes. All professions are represented.

International societies give aid to the refugees. Each party carries a handbag with a few belongings. The party was conducted to the Italian frontier by German officers.

The arrival of the Conte Verde to-day makes the total influx to Shanghai to date four thousand.

All liners carrying refugees are fully booked up to the end of August, states a report from Shanghai.

## K.F.C. Club House Bar Burgled

Alleged to have broken into the bar of the Kowloon Football Club yesterday and to have stolen a number of packets of cigarettes, Lui Sang, 20, described as a gardener, charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday with housebreaking. He was remanded for 24 hours for further inquiries.

Mrs. A. Gordin, of Prince Edward Road, was the complainant in a larceny case against Wong Yau, 37, unemployed, who was charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday with stealing a bird cage from Mrs. Gordin's garage and was arrested. Sub-Inspector Whelan is in charge of the case.

## NEW WEATHER RECORD AS MERCURY DROPS

TEMPERATURE records for April were broken between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning, when the mercury at the Royal Observatory fell to 51.7 degrees—the lowest April reading ever recorded in the Colony.

On the Peak, the temperature was 47 degrees.

The sudden cold spell, which followed Sunday's downpour of rain, brought about a remarkable drop in temperature recordings.

At noon on Sunday, the temperature had climbed to 80.6 degrees, but the drop was no less than 28.9 degrees in 48 hours.

The recording of 51.7 this morning breaks the previous April recording of 51.8, set on April 4, 1905—exactly 34 years ago. It is ten degrees below the minimum recorded in April last year and almost twenty degrees below the normal mean temperature for the month.

Temperature fell rapidly after Sunday's midday thunderstorm. Just before the thunderstorm, the

temperature was 80.6 degrees. In five hours it fell to 69.3 degrees and has steadily declined since then.

Humidity, which reached 100 per cent. on three days last week and averaged 99 per cent. for five days, also rapidly declined. Yesterday afternoon it was down by 28 per cent. and at 9 o'clock this morning was 70 per cent.—a drop of 20 per cent. below last week's average.

Temperature commenced to rise slightly after nine o'clock this morning, but further cold weather is expected.

This is how the mercury has varied since mid-night:  
12 a.m. 54.9 5 a.m. 54.0 8 a.m. 52.2  
2 a.m. 53.8 6 a.m. 54.2 9 a.m. 51.7  
4 a.m. 54.2 7 a.m. 52.3 10 a.m. 52.5

## THEY'RE NOT ALL JEWS

BERLIN, Apr. 3.—JEWISH emigration increased the total of emigration from Germany in 1938 to 22,263 as compared with 14,203 in 1937, according to statistics published officially to-day. Seventy-five per cent. of the emigrants were Jews. The number of emigrants to the United States increased from 8,845 in 1937 to 12,724 last year. The emigration to South America showed an even bigger relative increase, since the 1938 figure of 6,235 compares with only 3,252 in 1937.—Trans-Ocean.

## SOVIET TO AID POLES

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she would have the entire agreement of King Zog.

The burden of the reports is that Albania would consent to an Italian semi-protectorate.

Coincidentally with the renewed reports, the newspaper "Tevere" prints an article accusing Britain and France of trying to "put thorns into Italy's side." The first two are Greece and Albania. Britain and France tried to turn both countries against Italy. The third thorn is Yugoslavia, "but thanks to Mussolini, peace has reigned for years in the Adriatic," adds the paper.—Reuter.

### Hitler Returns

Berlin, Apr. 3.  
According to present arrangements, Herr Hitler will spend 12 hours in Berlin on his return to-morrow from a cruise, and will then go to Berchtesgaden to stay there until shortly before his birthday on April 20.—Reuter Special.

### Rumanian Guarantee

Berlin, Apr. 3.  
The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu is expected to appear in Berlin towards the end of April, according to reliable statements made here.

What the prospective subjects for discussion will be cannot be ascertained.

However, diplomatic circles declare that the Rumanian Minister, who, according to Bucharest reports, also intends to visit Ankara, Paris, and London, will probably first go to Berlin, and then to Ankara.

The Slovak Prime Minister, Dr. Tiso and his Foreign Minister, Dr. Duriansky, will arrive in Berlin on Wednesday. It is believed that questions arising out of the German-Slovak treaty of protection will be the main themes of the discussion.

### Greeks and Yugo-Slavs

Paris, Apr. 4.  
Authoritative quarters here are confident that France, Britain, Poland and Rumania will be linked in an automatic system of mutual assistance in the event of Hitler moving.

It is learnt from very reliable sources that Britain and France will now endeavour to include Greece and Yugo-Slavia in the anti-aggression bloc.—United Press.

### Ambassadors for Berlin

PARIS, Apr. 3.—It is understood that France and Great Britain are both considering the advisability of ordering their respective ambassadors to Berlin for the purpose of co-ordinating and amplifying routine Embassy reports regarding the crises.—United Press.

### RUMANIAN POSITION

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and London, according to diplomatic circles here, which add that the object of M. Gafencu's journey is to discuss with French and British statesmen the possibility of obtaining from Western Powers a guarantee of Rumanian security.

Although Rumanian circles in Paris maintain strict silence concerning the report, Paris papers assert that the main theme of Colonel Gafencu's conversations in London will be the participation of Rumania in the anti-German bloc.

### Turkey's Attitude

The "Paris Mid" observes in this connection that the inclusion of Rumania in the bloc would depend on Turkey's attitude, since military assistance for Rumania could only be assured in the event of Turkish collaboration.

The paper believes that before M. Gafencu makes his journey he will visit Ankara in order to ascertain the views of the Turkish Government.

### Baltic States

The same paper also asserts that in the course of his conversations in London, Colonel Beck will bring up the question of possible action in favour of the Baltic States, as he is particularly anxious to reach an agreement which would permit Poland to speed up her re-armament, and also to negotiate a trade agreement for developing commercial relations between Britain and Poland.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON, April 3.—Mr. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, former Minister to Mexico, has been appointed British Minister at Budapest in succession to Sir Geoffrey Knox.—Reuter.

## T.B. Total Climbs 120 Cases A Week In Hongkong

AVERAGING 120 cases a week, the tuberculosis incidence in Hongkong since this disease became notifiable in January has risen to 1,450 up to and including yesterday.

Twenty-three new cases were reported during the past 24 hours, including 16 from Victoria and seven from Kowloon. The second most prevalent disease since the beginning of the year has been measles, the total number of cases of which is now 660, including 12 notified yesterday.

During the year to date there have been 245 cases of meningitis (four new ones yesterday), 234 notifications of dysentery, 152 cases of diphtheria (three yesterday), 160 of enteric fever (four yesterday), 177 cases of chicken-pox (none yesterday), and 135 cases of small-pox (three yesterday).

Altogether, since January 1, no less than 3,253 residents are known officially to have been stricken with one or other of the 15 notifiable diseases in Hongkong.

## War Fever Grips World

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air bases constructed on both the Pacific coast and in the St. Lawrence River zone.

The Canadian Navy is to be increased to four destroyers in the Pacific and two in the Atlantic.

A million pounds will be spent on improving the naval base at Esquimaux, British Columbia.

### BRITAIN

Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared in the House of Commons in answer to several questions that the decision to double the strength of the territorial aid army in order to provide scope for a practical expression of the spirit of voluntary service now manifested, should be sufficient evidence of the determination of the country to play an active part in the event of an emergency.

England does not intend to abolish the voluntary service system of national defence, declared Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day.

For that reason, the Prime Minister stated that compulsory registration would be useless as it would interfere with voluntary recruiting the moment it was adopted.

### BRITAIN-FRANCE

In order to co-ordinate French and British air re-armament, the French Minister for Air, M. Guy Lachambre has gone to London to meet the British Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Questions of military and civil aviation are supposed to form the subject of the conversations.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday says:

With brighter reports from London and New York this market hardened, but business was on a very restricted scale owing to the scarcity of sellers; and buyers will have to advance their prices if they wish to obtain script in any quantity.

**Buyers**  
H.K. Bank \$1,372½  
Union Insurance \$400  
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H.K. Land \$3½  
H.K. Tramways \$16½  
China Light & Power \$3.20  
China Light (New) \$3.30  
H.K. Electric \$30  
Daily News & Mail \$21½  
Electricity \$10.55  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prem.  
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 4% prem.  
Daily News & Mail \$10½  
H.K. Bank \$1,400  
H.K. Electric \$37

**Sellers**  
Union Insurance \$400  
H. & S. Hotels \$3.50  
China Light \$10.2  
H.K. Tramways \$16½  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prem.  
Star Ferry \$30½  
Antamok P. 30½  
Aloka 27½  
Rugby Gold 23½  
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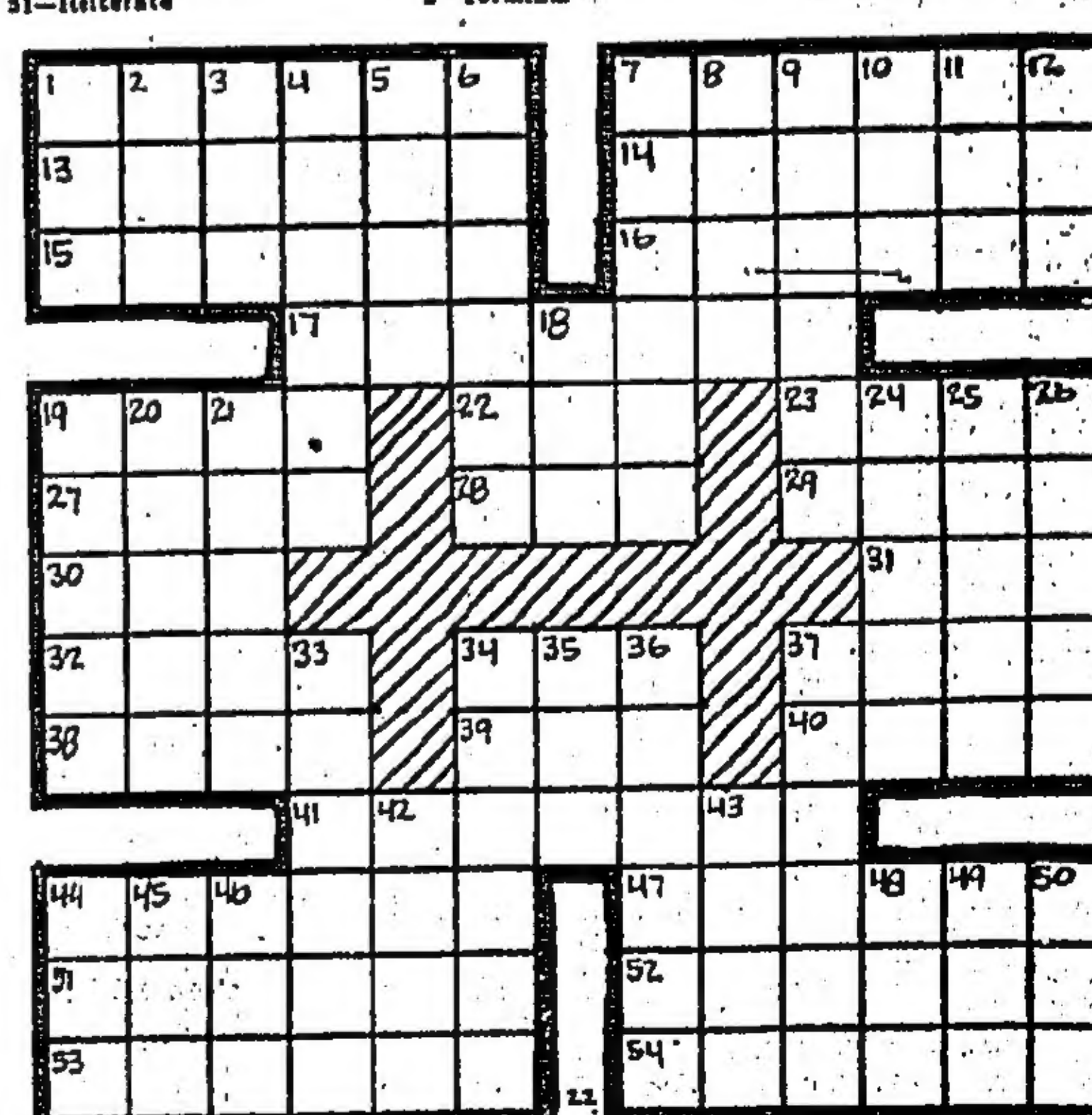
## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

**ACROSS**  
1—Emmerling royalty  
7—Attack troops from air  
12—Hired surface  
14—Pioneer  
16—Swirls  
18—Clever  
19—Marine excavation machine  
20—15th of March  
22—Robbery misdirection  
24—African king  
27—Tip  
28—Thrice 4 music  
29—Take dinner  
30—Girl's name  
31—Witty sayings  
34—President Coolidge's nickname  
37—Bauy  
38—Let it stand  
39—Furnish  
40—Amber  
41—Run business  
42—Heath shrub  
43—Catharine  
44—Hutterite

**DOWN**  
3—Wander aimlessly  
4—Amuse  
5—Sideboard book  
6—Pony-bone  
8—Vocalist  
9—Large plant  
10—Belted  
11—Price of service  
12—Wander  
13—River in England  
15—Paraphrase  
16—Price of turf  
17—Misses' hat  
18—Lullaby  
19—Lullaby  
20—Supporting strips  
21—Amusement  
22—Lumber  
23—Club  
25—Mystery  
26—Famous race horse  
28—Mistle  
29—Bitter  
30—Before  
32—Verdure



## Wild Turkeys Studied

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.

What is the average meal for a wild turkey? The answer: 12,950 seeds. This bit of information was obtained through study of the crop of a wild turkey by Dr. Logan J. Bennett, director of the Wildlife Research Unit at the Pennsylvania State College.





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A STEAMER	14,500	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	13th May	B'bay, M'celles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	20th May	B'bay, M'celles, Havre, L'don.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	10th June	B'bay, M'celles, Havre, L'don.
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Steamers	Tons	From HK about	Destination
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TANDA	7,000	5th May	Shanghai & Japan.
RANCHI	17,000	10th May	Shanghai & Japan.
*BHUTAN	6,000	11th May.	Shanghai & Japan.

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# PHOTO NEWS



Questions were recently asked in the British House of Commons about the Empire air routes being utilised for the transport of children who come to school in England from homes in other parts of the Empire.

Almost at the same time Imperial Airways announced that following the success of their experiments last year special arrangements are being made this summer for the benefit of overseas school-children.

Reduced fares, free baggage allowance, special attention to their physical needs both in the air and at night stops, are also encouraging more and more overseas parents to adopt this method of travel, which enables them to bring their children home for the holidays at least once a year instead of, as in the old days, only once in every four years.

Aviation, as the years go by, is playing an ever-increasing part in the lives of the rising generation. The above picture shows a group of 34 youngsters from Marlborough House School, Hawkhurst, Kent, boarding Imperial Airways' Heracles at Croydon for a flight over the city.

Mr. R. A. Harrison, headmaster of the school believes that every pupil who passes through his hands should have an opportunity of experiencing the latest method of transport.



Mrs. Corrigan, wife of Mr. A. Corrigan, Superintendent Engineer of Messrs. Burns Philp, photographed christening the Tulagi at the Kowloon Docks.—Staff Photographer.



Brigadier J. T. W. Reeve, Commander of the Hongkong Infantry Brigade, photographed at a recent inspection of the Brigade.—Staff Photographer.



Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. P. N. Barten and Miss Doris Hunt.—King's Studio.

## Italy's Budget Cost Leaps

Rome, Apr. 3. ITALIAN ESTIMATES for the fiscal year of 1939-40 were submitted to the Chamber to-day.

They provide for a total expenditure of 2,773,000,000 lire, representing an increase on the previous year of 760,000,000 lire.—Trans-Ocean.

In sterling the estimates for the current fiscal year amount to about £31,000,000, and are about £8,000,000 in excess of last year.

## Shanghai Fire

Shanghai, Apr. 4. Six Chinese children were burned to death and eight Chinese women were seriously burned where a fire destroyed a block of Chinese houses of the poor class type, mainly consisting of wood and mud straw huts, here yesterday.—United Press.

## PRISON FOR RIOTERS

WARSAW, Apr. 3.—Sentences ranging from a few days imprisonment up to four and a half years penal servitude were passed by the

## Governor To Attend S.P.C. Ball

His Excellency the Governor will attend the Ball organised by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 14. The dance band of the Royal Scots will be in attendance.

Polish court in Cloczow, Eastern Galicia to-day on 54 Ukrainians for having taken part last autumn in an Ukrainian demonstration at Krasno.—Trans-Ocean.

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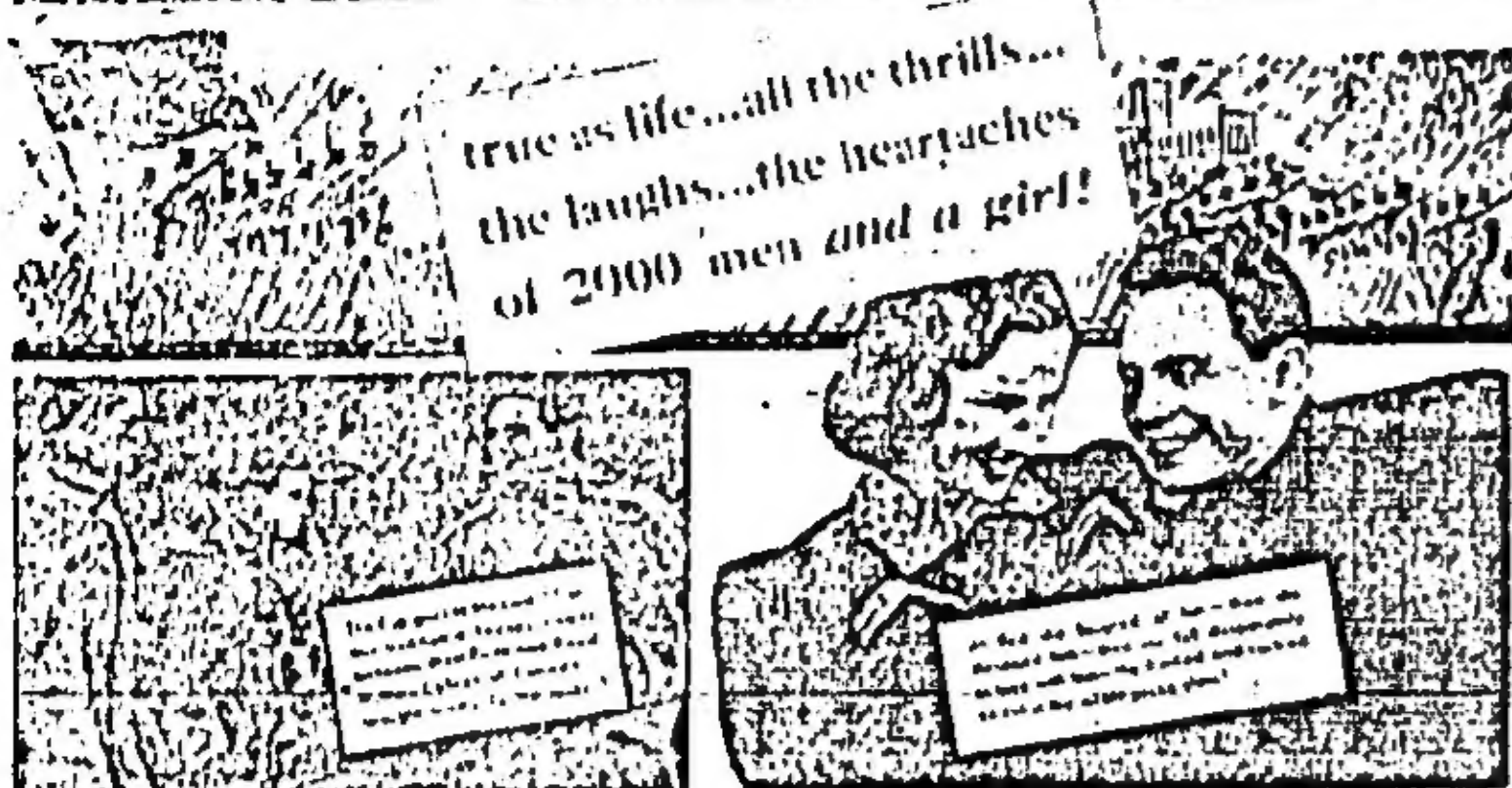


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# Sensational Trial Of Man Accused Of Chopper Attack On Japanese

"HE KILLED my family and raped my brother's wife!"

This was part of the dramatic evidence at the Central Magistracy this afternoon, contained in an alleged statement made by a Chinese waiter, Li Ping-chun.

Li was charged with the murder of Hisashi Sagara, 35-year-old Japanese who was attacked with a meat chopper in Hennessy Road, Wanchai, on January 28.

The Japanese, who sustained terrible injuries, died on March 4 in hospital.

Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, while Li was represented by Mr. J. T. Prior.

According to the Crown case, Li attacked Sagara in a cafe with a chopper.

He is alleged to have said to people nearby: "I am chopping a Japanese. I am taking revenge. He killed my family and I will not run away. I will give myself up to the police."

### CROWN CASE

Outlining the case for the crown, Mr. Whyatt said:

"Shortly after 11 p.m. on January 28, Sagara walked into the Ching Sing Restaurant at 81, Hennessy Road, Wanchai. He had only visited this restaurant once before, about a fortnight previously. He sat down at a table in the third cubicle and gave an order to the waitress."

"Defendant was in the cook-loft. He was one of eight partners who owned the business, but he worked as a waiter for four dollars a month with his food and lodging supplied."

"Having taken Sagara's order, Wong Kan, the waitress returned to Sagara's table and laid tea and wine before him."

"At that time, she noticed four others: they sat at a centre table at the rear. This party consisted of two men and two women."

"Sagara was placed in the care of Dr. P. S. S. Court. He was in a dangerous condition and had ten cuts on his head neck and hands."

"The cuts measured between three and six inches in length. One had severed the muscles of the neck and penetrated the spine. He subsequently died."

"On March 10, defendant was charged with murder and in answer made a statement in which he said he had not killed the Japanese."

"He declared that Sagara had died from illness. He also said that the Japanese had caused all his family to perish and it was only during a momentary grudge that he had done what he did."

"Dr. Court then entered the witness box and gave evidence regarding the condition of Sagara's wounds."

"The women screamed and Chan Yuk-lan fainted."

"One of their male companions, Sui Kee, saw the defendant striking Sagara about the neck."

"He seized the defendant and told him not to move."

"KILLED MY FAMILY"

"Defendant dropped the chopper to the floor and said: 'I killed my family and raped my brother's wife. I am taking revenge. He killed my family and I will not run away. I will give myself up to the police.'"

"By this time, the noise had attracted the rest of the staff."

"The waitress who was paying the customer's bill at the counter was so terrified that she ran up to the cook-loft, whilst the manager ran to the front of the shop into the street to call the police."

"The accountant blew a police whistle and defendant walked in the direction of the front door."

"He said: 'I am responsible. I am going to the police station to report myself.'"

I HAD BETTER GO

"He was met by the accountant and said to him: 'Nobody has come. I had better go and report myself.'"

"He left the shop and walked into the street. He was seen by Chinese detective who was going off duty. The detective noticed that defendant was covered with blood, although he knew nothing about the matter."

### "I HAVE CHOPPED THE JAPANESE"

"He asked defendant what had happened. Defendant said: 'I have chopped the Japanese.'"

"The detective took defendant into custody and brought him to the Wanchai Police Station."

"Detective Sergeant Cashman was sent to the eating-house. There he saw Sagara lying on the sea, cut about the neck, head and hands. The chopper was lying on the floor."

"Shortly afterwards, Detective Sub-Inspector Darlin arrived and arranged for the injured man to be sent to hospital."

"The defendant was searched at the police station and a letter was found in his pocket."

"It had apparently been written by some member of his family and said that defendant's uncle had been killed by the Japanese."

"The police instituted enquiries and discovered the person who gave defendant the letter. He was Li Yung, defendant's younger brother."

"Apparently earlier on that day, a fellow villager had arrived from the country and had given Li Yung the letter, as he could not find defendant."

### "AUNT RAPED"

"Li took the letter to his brother about 7 p.m. and told him that Wong had said his younger brother had been killed and their aunt had been raped."

"This apparently weighed on the defendant's mind and the Crown suggests that it was the motive for the attack on Sagara."

"After the defendant had been searched at the police station, he was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital and kept there in February 2, when he was sent to Stanley Prison."

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Chinese Planes Bomb Kongmoon

MACAO, Apr. 4.—Twelve Chinese planes bombed the Japanese in the Kongmoon sector yesterday.

Some 6,000 Japanese troops have arrived at an undisclosed point and are pushing toward the Kongmoon sector to counter-attack the Japanese.

Several Japanese warships are off Kongmoon. Sunwei city is reported to be quiet.—Central News.

24,000 Japanese Killed

CHUNGKING, Apr. 4.—Some 24,000 Japanese soldiers were killed and 711 captured alive on the various fronts from March 16 to 31, according to an official report just released.

Besides, 757 Japanese war horse, 3,120 rifles, 26 machine-guns, five field guns and 7,355 rounds of ammunition were seized, seven Japanese war vessels were sunk, three Japanese planes shot down, involving the death of three Japanese airmen and many sections of railway and highways were badly damaged.—Central News.

STEEL COULSON DANCE

The annual dance of the Steel Coulson Billiards, Snooker and Dart League will be held at the China Fleet Club on Saturday, April 15.

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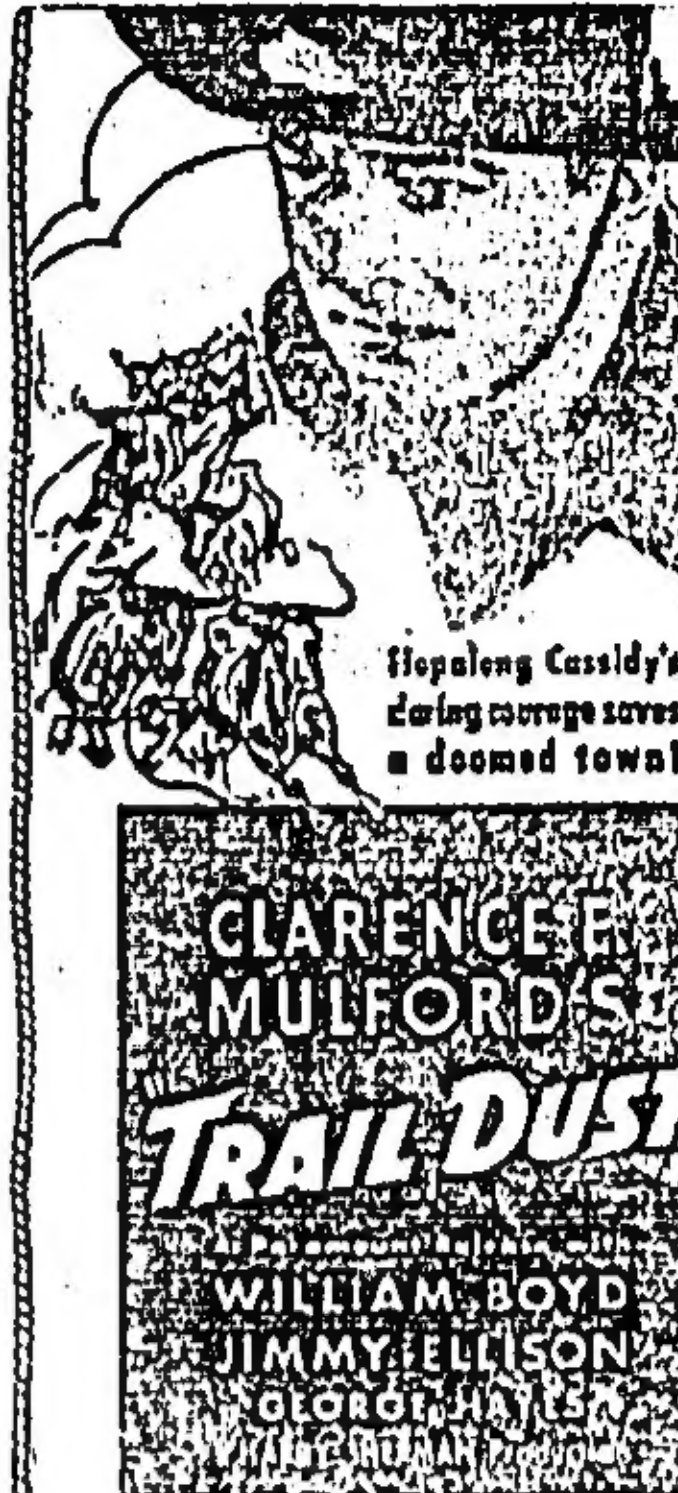
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